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Peres, Arafat, launch 'Peace Fund'

By NINA GILBERT

In a fanfare reminiscent of the heyday of the peace process, former prime minister Shimon Peres and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat yesterday inaugurated the Peace Technology Fund, a venture capital fund that is to invest in projects in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The fund has raised \$50 million, 40 percent each from Israeli and Palestinian investors and 20 percent from the World Bank, and intends to boost the sum to \$100 million. The fund is to invest in Palestinian industrial ventures and joint business ventures between Palestinians and Israelis or international investors. At a ceremony in Bethlehem marking the opening of the fund for business, Peres, Arafat, and World Bank President James Wolfensohn signed the "Bethlehem Declaration," affirming their support for the effort "to promote the peace process, providing for the economic development of the West Bank and Gaza and fostering Palestinian-Israeli international business cooperation."

Peres called the launching of the fund a "beginning," saying



Celebrating yesterday's inauguration of the Peace Technology Fund are (from left) World Bank President James Wolfensohn, Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, and former prime minister Shimon Peres. (Brian Hendler)

the businessmen who gave checks for the venture are not just making an investment in business, but "also an investment in the future of the Palestinian people and in the peace in the Middle East."

In 20 years, Peres said, "we'll have west of the Jordan River 20 million people; more than half will be Palestinians. It is for us to decide how our children are to live. In order for Israel to remain

a Jewish state, Israel needs a Palestinian state and we have to do it right away." Furthermore, he said, "I would not want to see the Palestinian state live in poverty or in want. It will be a terrible mistake if our children will be rich and the children of our neighbors poor."

"We have to have both a political peace and an economic peace," Peres added. Arafat, who referred to his host

as "prime minister Shimon Peres," said the fund would make an "investment in the Palestinians and in Palestinian-Israeli economic relations." "Our presence here today together, in spite of all of the difficulties, shows that it is the wish of the majority of the Palestinians and the majority of the Israelis to hold onto peace and justice for all of us," he said.

Wolfensohn said the World Bank believes that the fund is a coming together of people united not by politics but by humanity. "As we look to the next millennium, technology is going to be a key to the future of all of us," said Wolfensohn, who also announced that Daimler-Benz would become a partner in the venture.

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PM blasts EU boycott

Says territory sanctions will hurt Palestinian jobs

By DAVID HARRIS and NINA GILBERT

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday attacked the European Union for what he described as its decision to boycott goods produced by Israelis in the territories, Golan Heights, and east Jerusalem. He said Israel might, as a result, have to employ fewer Palestinian workers. He added this latest incident could well put paid to the EU's desire to be a major player in the peace process.

Netanyahu was responding to an internal European paper, which last week condemned Israel's practice of exporting goods from the territories with a "made in Israel" label, entitling them to enter Europe duty-free.

An EU official dismissed Netanyahu's criticism as unfounded, saying there is no proposal to boycott Israeli goods and the issue will be discussed at a meeting of the European Council of Ministers next Monday. "You've read the communication and you can see it doesn't say anything about a boycott," he said.

A statement from the EU's Tel Aviv office said: "The question is one of correcting an alleged case of massive fraud of the regulations on rules of origin ruling free trade between the EU and Israel."

Any politically motivated reading on the part of the Israeli authorities is their own responsibility.

Asked why it has taken the EU so many years to object to the practice, the official said, "The commission has been turning a blind eye to this."

Speaking to some 100 foreign analysts at a Euromoney conference in Tel Aviv, Netanyahu said the decision to boycott such products would lead to additional unemployment in Israel and, as a result, mean fewer Palestinians would be able to find work with Israeli companies.

"The EU's decision is likely to put on hold Israel's policy of employing Palestinian workers anew. The union's policy is unwise," he said. "Be careful with the use of ultimatums and dictates of any kind. That is one thing that doesn't go well in Israel and with me."

On Monday Ambassador-designate to the US Zalmay Chalkley equated the EU's actions with those of the Nazis.

"We saw a similar boycott of Jewish goods 50 years ago," he said.

This afternoon, Finance Minister Yoram Eitan is to raise the issue at a meeting this afternoon with ambassadors from the EU and its 15-member states.

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Suharto says he'll step down, but not yet

JAKARTA (AP) — Under pressure from riots and protests, Indonesia's President Suharto said yesterday he will step down — but not just yet.

While promising a cabinet shuffle, government reform, and new elections first, he offered no departure date, angering protesters anew.

"This decision comes from my feeling of responsibility in an effort to save the country from

destruction," Suharto said in a sometimes somber, 15-minute speech televised nationally.

He said his insistence on making long-refused reforms before ending his 32-year reign should not be interpreted as "resistance on my part to step down."

But Indonesia's increasingly aggressive opposition took it as just that.

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Paul's Caesarea prison cell identified

By HANI SHAPIRO

Archeologists at Caesarea have identified the prison room in which Paul of Tarsus, one of the most important figures of early Christianity, was held.

This was revealed yesterday by Amir Drori, director of the Antiquities Authority, who was speaking to reporters at the dedication of the Kohanim Path and Observation Post on the Mt. of Olives in Jerusalem. Drori said that archeologists in Israel have uncovered many sites which are of importance to Christians which have not been restored for visitors because of lack of funds.

Paul, known as the Apostle to Christians, was born a Jew named Saul. According to the New Testament, he was educated by Rabbi Gamliel. He had engaged in suppressing Christianity, until he was converted on the road to Damascus, whereupon he embarked on a series of missionary journeys. Paul was imprisoned in Caesarea, but he demanded it was his right as a Roman citizen to be

heard by Caesar. He was sent to Rome, where, he eventually was beheaded.

Drori said that the room has been identified on the basis of historic accounts and of inscriptions at the site by the Praetorian Guard, which was stationed there.

The Kohanim Path and Observation Post received its name from the fact that it skirts the cemetery on the Mt. of Olives and is thus accessible to kohanim, members of the priestly caste, who are prohibited according to Halacha from coming in contact with the dead or entering a cemetery. The site is part of a much larger project encompassing both sides of the Kidron Valley. It was developed with the cooperation of the Antiquities Authority, Religious Affairs Ministry, Tourism Ministry, Jerusalem Municipality, and the East Jerusalem Development Company.

The site was named in honor of the donors, David and Sylvia Salzberg of Manhasset, New York, and Delray Beach, Florida. Salzberg said that he first saw the site after having dedicated a floor at Hadassah Hospital. He asked to be taken to an archeological site and was taken there.

"My eyes opened up. I was just astounded. I asked my wife if there was anything in the world that she wanted more than this and she said no. I have never felt closer to heaven in my life," Salzberg recounted.

'New Yorker' lifts quotes from 'Post'

By Jerusalem Post Staff

Whether or not David Bar-Ilan actually made the remarks attributed to him in David Remnick's controversial article in the current issue of *The New Yorker* will always be open to debate for some people. What is certain, however, is that not all of the 13-page article is Remnick's own work.

A passage about the Channel 1 documentary series, *Tkuma*, which quotes director Ronit Weiss-Berkowitz, was lifted, word for word, from two stories that appeared in *The Jerusalem Post* on April 1 and April 3.

The article, which appears in the issue of *The New Yorker* dated May 25, paints a picture of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as an eternal outsider who has little trust or respect for establishment institutions. Among the institutions he is said to "despise" is the Israel Broadcasting Authority. In the article, Remnick described the controversy surrounding *Tkuma*, and focused on the segment that generated the most passion, "Path of Terror — Biladi, Biladi."

Remnick quoted Weiss-Berkowitz talking about the threatening calls she had received prior to the segment's airing: "They call my home," she said, "and say, 'We will burn you.' You f--- Arabs, 'You stinking leftist, we know where you live.'"

That same passage — and the rest of the 100-word paragraph — appeared verbatim in two articles by Larry Dierfer in the *Post*.

Contacted by the *Post* yesterday, Weiss-Berkowitz said she had never been contacted by Remnick or anyone else who said they represented *The New Yorker*.

In a statement released last night, *The New Yorker* said: "The phrase 'has said,' indicating a quote that has appeared elsewhere, should have preceded remarks by the filmmaker, Ronit Weiss-Berkowitz. The phrase was inadvertently dropped, without the knowledge of the writer, David Remnick, as the article was prepared for press. Remnick believed at the time of publication that the quote was properly attributed; his manuscript made it clear that he had not spoken to Weiss-Berkowitz."

By JAY BUSHINSKY and MICHAEL YUDELMAN

The statements allegedly made by David Bar-Ilan, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's communications adviser, about Netanyahu and his wife Sara in *The New Yorker*'s May 25 edition, raised a storm and embarrassed the Prime Minister's Office yesterday.

Netanyahu and his senior aides yesterday supported Bar-Ilan's denial. Speaking on Channel 2's *Dan Shilon Live*, the prime minister said Bar-Ilan is "furious" about the publication of the article, which quotes statements he said he did not make.

Civil Service Commissioner Shmuel Hollander said the Civil Service official in charge of discipline is examining Bar-Ilan's alleged statements, which included comments about Sara Netanyahu's

mental state, Netanyahu's infidelities, and Moshe Dayan's sexual behavior.

Bar-Ilan denies having said to the article's writer, David Remnick, that Sara Netanyahu is unstable. He also is quoted as saying the late Dayan "screwed half the women in the army."

But MK Yael Dayan (Labor) rejected his denial. She demanded Bar-Ilan be fired for his comments about her father, which she said went beyond the personal insult to the Dayan family to slurring every woman in the army, their commanders, her father, and the chief of staff post he filled. She urged Bar-Ilan be disciplined and demanded a personal apology.

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She says she fought constant battles with Drori and episode producer Moshe Golan to tell the story her way, and lost most of them.

Ronit Weiss-Berkowitz's remarks quoted in "The New Yorker" edition of May 25 (left) are identical to her comments which appeared in "The Jerusalem Post" of April 1 (top right) and April 3. Weiss-Berkowitz never spoke to "The New Yorker."

War of words rages over Bar-Ilan's alleged slurs

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"The article is written by a serious journalist in a serious publica-

tion, it's not some utterance made at a cocktail party. As No. 1 media adviser in the country, Bar-Ilan cannot maintain he didn't know he would be quoted. He should know every peep coming from his mouth will make headlines. This is what he gets paid for, and this is what he should be fired for," Dayan said.

Netanyahu's spokesman, Shai Bazak, said he believes Bar-Ilan "more than some reporter who is out to slander the prime minister." Bazak said it is ridiculous to think Bar-Ilan had said those things and the very thought he had said them in an interview is irrational.

"I know Bar-Ilan's opinion of Netanyahu and his wife. All of us in the Prime Minister's Office have a high opinion of Mrs. Netanyahu and admire her greatly for her hard work in helping her husband in his job and assisting



David Bar-Ilan (Arie Jerolimski)

needy citizens," Bazak said.

He said he was "filled with admiration for the cool way Mrs. Netanyahu was taking all these [slandering comments]. She knows who she is and what she's

worth."

Bazak said he had heard Bar-Ilan's explanations about his statements regarding Moshe Dayan, "whose memory we all respect and admire, and it sounded completely different."

Remnick said on *Erev Hadash* yesterday he had interviewed Netanyahu two weeks before Pessah and after that arranged to see Bar-Ilan in his office. "It had nothing to do with being in the hallway or anything like that. We sat down in his office. I had my notebook out and was taking notes. We spoke for about half an hour, maybe 40 minutes, and that's the story. There was never any mention of 'off the record,' or 'on background' or any of the various ways one can avoid having one's name used," he said.

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NEWS

in brief

Two killed in explosions in south Lebanon

A South Lebanese Army soldier and a civilian were killed in separate incidents yesterday as fighting in the region continued unabated.

Reports from Lebanon said the SLA soldier was killed in a roadside bomb attack in the Jezzine area, north of the security zone, last night.

That incident followed an earlier explosion which killed a man working at a crossing point on the northern perimeter of the zone, near Kafr Huneh in the eastern sector.

Hizbullah claimed responsibility for that attack, maintaining that the man was actually a member of the SLA. Israeli security sources, however, said the man was a civilian and that the attack constituted a flagrant breach of the Grapes of Wrath understandings.

In a separate incident, a woman was seriously wounded in an explosion near Frun village, north of the security zone. Reports from Lebanon said it appeared that she had stepped on some sort of mine or had tripped an explosive device that had been planted in the area.

IAF planes attacked terrorist targets west of the Jezzine region last night. The IDF Spokesman said. The spokesman said the pilots reported accurate strikes and all planes returned safely to base. The raid was seen as a response to yesterday's roadside bomb attacks.

David Rudge

Labor's Cohen: We haven't learned lesson of '73

The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday took leave of OC Military Intelligence Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon, who has been appointed OC Central Command after three years in the position. He will be replaced by Maj.-Gen. Amos Malka.

Committee chairman Uzi Landau (Likud) and previous chairman Ori Orr (Labor) both praised Ya'alon for his professional assessments, free of outside considerations.

Labor Party secretary-general Raanan Cohen, however, warned against getting stuck in a conceptual rut, when Ya'alon reportedly offered an assessment during a policy review that Syria is not interested in the military option.

"We have not learned the lessons of the Yom Kippur War, when the chief of General Staff and OC Military Intelligence [calmed] [prime minister] Golda [Meir] despite the warnings by [Jordan's King] Hussein," Cohen said.

"We must warn against being conceptually bound. The intelligence establishment and early warning system of the IDF must work from the assumption that Syria can at any given point activate the military option to restore national honor and conquer the Golan Heights. This military option will get stronger the more distant the peace process becomes," he said.

Liat Collins

IDF: Tank in Russian museum had no bodies

The IDF confirmed yesterday that an IDF tank had been transferred to the former Soviet Union from Lebanon by the Syrians. But it denied reports from Russia that the tank held the bodies of four Israeli soldiers.

According to yesterday's *Ha'aretz*, citing NTV television in Moscow, known for its sensationalist reports, the M-48 tank was brought to a tank museum outside the Russian capital. The TV reported that the tank had been transferred from the battlefield so quickly that the bodies were not discovered until they had arrived. It was also not clear whether the tank was captured during one of the battles in the 1973 Yom Kippur War or later.

An Israel Radio reporter in Moscow said that he had seen the tank still bearing IDF markings, but officials at the museum had never heard of any bodies being discovered in the tank. The officials also doubted that such an item could have been transferred without first being examined in Syria.

Arieh O'Sullivan

High Court asked to restrict hijack mastermind

A petition to restrict *Achille Lauro* hijacker Abu Abbas to territories of the Palestinian Authority is to be submitted to the High Court of Justice today, following a petition last week by right-wing activists calling for Abbas to be extradited and tried by Israel.

Abbas was responsible for the death of Jewish American Leon Klinghoffer, who was shot to death and thrown overboard in his wheelchair from the Italian cruise liner in 1985.

The High Court is being asked to order Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein to temporarily restrict Abbas to Gaza, saying there is a great probability Abbas might attempt to escape, as he has been an international fugitive for over 13 years.

Elli Wohlgelemer

Saudis to pardon British nurses

Two British nurses jailed in Saudi Arabia for the murder of a colleague will be pardoned by King Fahd and freed, Press Association reported yesterday.

Quoting from a statement from the Saudi Arabian ambassador to Britain, Ghazi Algasbi, the British national news agency said that the two nurses would return to Britain within days.

Deborah Parry, 39, and Lucille McLauchlan, 32, were convicted of the murder of Australian nurse Yvonne Gilford in August 1997, but have been in jail in the eastern Saudi town of Dammam since their arrest in December 1996.

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Remnick said he was "disappointed, to put it mildly," by Bar-illan's denial. "He's been a newspaper editor, he's a respected political figure, he's a respected political figure," he said. "He's been a newspaper editor, he's a respected political figure, he's a respected political figure," he said.

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children and grandchildren

Gore: Tension over peace process won't hurt US-Israel relations

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - Vice President Al Gore criticized

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat on Monday night for projecting mixed messages of peace and violence, saying that Arafat must declare, convincingly, that he accepts Israel's existence.

Gore also issued the administration's strongest assurance to date that the American-Israeli tensions over the peace process will do nothing to diminish their bilateral relations.

Long admired as a steady pro-Israel senator, Gore was greeted by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee at its annual banquet as almost a returning hero and his speech was interrupted by frequent applause.

Gore called Israel, "a strategic ally and friend" that the US must

support with "the highest level of loyalty - and we will."

"Our special relationship with Israel is unshakable, it is ironclad, eternal, and absolute. It does not depend on the peace process. It transcends the peace process."

"Our differences are momentary, not permanent. They are about means, not ends."

"And let me say to my fellow citizens here in the US, to our friends in Israel, and let me say especially to the citizens of any nation who may wish Israel ill: Don't you even think for one minute that any differences about this or that between the governments of the US and Israel belie even the slightest weakening in our underlying unity of purpose."

Gore expressed empathy for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, saying he is "a man carrying the weight of the history

of the Jewish people on his shoulders," whom he has found "deeply concerned not only about the security dimensions of a peace agreement, but also about the true intentions of his neighbors."

"Peace on paper is not the same as peace in one's heart," Gore continued, in words that could have been uttered by Netanyahu himself. "The prime minister wants to know that his neighbors are truly seeking peace and not just a strategic foothold."

"The US shares these concerns, particularly when Chairman Arafat makes public statements that seem to undercut his signed commitments to peace. He cannot say one thing to the world and another thing to his own people. He must speak to his people in consistent and unambiguous terms about the permanent nature of the peace he is trying to reach and

declare a clear and unequivocal acceptance of the State of Israel."

"The US believes there is one authentic way for Israel's neighbors to prove their commitment to peace: fight terrorism. And that is why, in our approach to Chairman Arafat, we have been insisting strenuously that he owes this process a 100 percent of the time, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year - and not one second less," Gore said, chanting the last five words to the rising cadence of applause.

There is "some cause for encouragement" in Arafat's efforts in recent months to "uproot" Hamas, Gore said.

Only once did Gore seem to prod Netanyahu to take into account Arab concerns, saying that while "one can never dismiss the effect of decades of organized

national hatred directed against Israel, neither should we dismiss out of hand the possibility that another attitude may have begun to take root, an attitude that favors ending this conflict."

"I have sensed this attitude... If this new attitude does really exist, it needs encouragement. Otherwise, it could vanish."

He repeated American policy that a Palestinian state should only come about through direct negotiations between the parties and indirectly criticized Arafat for stating recently that he would declare a state when the interim accords expire next May.

Meanwhile, Labor Party leader Ehud Barak cancelled a planned trip to Washington today and tomorrow for meetings with legislators and administration officials. Barak will, however, keep to plans to visit New York today.

Gingrich: Albright 'out of touch'

By TOM RAHM

WASHINGTON (AP) - The US posture in the peace process is comparable to an Israeli diplomat telling the US how to defend Texas, House Speaker Newt Gingrich said yesterday in a new round of accusations against the Clinton administration.

At a Capitol rally, Gingrich and three other congressional leaders pledged steadfast support for Israel. Gingrich's remarks were the most biting, renewing his criticism of US Secretary of State Madeleine

Albright.

"When I see an American diplomat suggest to Israeli generals that our understanding of their security needs on the West Bank is better than their understanding - I'm looking at somebody who's been in fancy hotels too long and out of touch with reality."

A week ago, Gingrich accused Albright of being "an agent for the Palestinians." Gingrich said that when he and House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt go to Israel next week to participate in 50th anniversary celebrations, they

would go Jerusalem to visit the proposed site of the US Embassy.

"The time is come to break the ground, build the building," Gingrich said.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott won a loud round of applause when he promised that the Senate would vote later this week in favor of a resolution supporting sanctions on Russia for selling nuclear technology to Iran.

"We're going to take action because that's the only thing they will understand and respect," Lott said.

Ramon calls for new elections

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Labor MK Haim Ramon said yesterday the crisis in the talks with the Palestinians is proof that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is being held captive by parts of his coalition, but prefers remaining at his head even at the price of abandoning Israel's security interests.

"Ramon said Netanyahu objects to forming a national unity government, but should he propose it Labor must consider it seriously. 'But the real solution to the situa-

tion is in new elections," he said.

Labor Party leader Ehud Barak dismissed MK Binyamin Ben-Eliezer's call earlier this week to form a national unity government, saying it is not on the agenda.

But Ramon championed the idea yesterday. "If the prime minister were true to his word and preferred the state's interests, and would make a serious offer to Labor that would enable moving the peace process forward and going toward a final settlement according to principles Labor could accept, I would advise my

party to consider it," he said.

Ramon noted, however, that "this is a hypothetical idea. The ball is entirely in the hands of the prime minister, who prefers a coalition with [Molekhet's] Gandhi [Rehavim Ze'evi] and the National Religious Party to a government that can advance the peace process."

As long as this is the situation, the real solution is holding new elections, so the public could treat the prime minister not according to his promises, but on the basis of his performance, he said.

Israel, US dispute effectiveness of Congress sanctions on Russia

By STEVE RODAN

Israeli and US officials are disputing the effectiveness of American sanctions on Russian companies that supply Iran with missile technology, the subject of legislation that the US Senate prepares to vote on today.

The dispute centers on whether the government of Russian President Boris Yeltsin has sufficient power to stop Russian companies from transferring missile technology to Tehran. US officials say the Yeltsin government is too weak and divided for such a task. Their Israeli counterparts disagree.

"The Russian government doesn't control the country," said Max Singer, a leading American strategist and US Defense Department consultant who is also a researcher for Bar Ilan University's Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies. "If I wanted something I wouldn't go to Yeltsin or the Foreign Ministry. The world is making a big mistake taking Russia seriously."

The Pentagon recently held a conference of Russian experts to discuss the future of the federation. Participants said the conclusion was that the current instability in Russia would last at least another generation.

Israeli officials responsible for monitoring the transfer of Russian technology to Iran disagree. They said Moscow now has the same capability of stopping transfers of any military technology as the Kremlin did under the former Soviet Union.

At a meeting yesterday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu urged visiting Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Victor Possulvalyuk to take steps to halt Russian involvement in Iran's armament efforts. Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and Foreign Ministry Director-General Eytan Bentsur made similar requests in their meetings with him yesterday.

Iran is developing two missiles - Shihab 3 and Shihab 4 - with

ranges of 1,300 and 2,000 kilometers, respectively - with primarily Russian and some Chinese help, Israeli and US intelligence sources say. The sources agree that unless the missile program is stopped within the next few months Iran will complete a prototype of the missile by early 1999.

"Today, the technology transfer is being encouraged by the [Russian] government and is part of its foreign policy of renewing alliances in the Middle East," a senior Israeli official said.

Russian diplomats and analysts assert that the Yeltsin government has the ability to stop technology transfers to Iran.

Stanislav Rodionov, a scientist and counterterrorism expert at Moscow's Space Research Institute, said in a recent interview, "The security in Russia is rather high. The Defense Ministry and Atomic Energy Ministry are responsible and are improving at a good pace."

US and Israeli officials do agree that the executive order issued in January by then-Russian prime minister Viktor Chernomyrdin had not stopped the flow of technology

to Iran.

"Iran is pursuing its weapons program with unabated vigor," said US Senator Sam Brownback, a Kansas Republican who chairs the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, during a hearing last Thursday. "Missile cooperation with Russia is increasing. Nuclear cooperation is continuing."

US critics, however, say congressional sanctions on Russia alone would not stop Iran's missile and nuclear weapons program. They said China and the Ukraine continue to supply Iran with help in its ballistic missile and mass destruction weapons program, including biological and nuclear.

But the critics say both Israel and the US are playing down Chinese participation in Iran's military programs. On April 29, *The Washington Times* reported that the Clinton administration has drafted a space cooperation agreement with Beijing that permits the transfer of technology to a Chinese agency that is a key developer of weapons-related technology.

Sneh: US leaving Israel to face Iran alone

By STEVE RODAN

The US is rapidly losing its grip on Tehran and leaving Israel to face it alone, Labor MK Ephraim Sneh, a leading expert on Iran, said yesterday.

Speaking at a Tel Aviv University conference on Iran, Sneh said that the American administration's decision not to impose sanctions on the French firm Total SA, which plans to develop Iran's gas and oil reserves, marks a watershed that will leave Israel to face Iran's emerging ballistic missile and nuclear weapon capabilities without any allies.

"The significance of this is that the United States has accepted the European path and not that the Europeans have accepted the American path," he said. "This is the beginning of a very dangerous process whereby we stand alone."

Sneh said that in 18 months Iran will be able to deploy a ballistic missile able to strike Israel. Within three to seven years, Iran will achieve nuclear capability, he said, "unless it takes a shortcut and reaches that goal even sooner."

angered Netanyahu; and his attack on *New York Times* correspondent Tom Friedman, whom he called anti-Zionist and apologized to later.

"The Israeli public is disgusted with these attacks, which actually are directed against me and which use 'my wife' to that end," Netanyahu said on Shilon's program. "My wife is strong and wise and has been withstanding them bravely. She will continue to work for handicapped children and I will continue with my activities without paying attention to those things."

Netanyahu's statement was made five hours after his adviser's return from the US. He stayed there an extra day to make a speech to a pro-Israel organization of American Christians after having accompanied the prime minister during the series of talks with senior US officials and a meeting with UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

Former prime minister Shimon Peres, who shared the platform with Netanyahu, said "prime ministers must be ready for slander against them." He expressed solidarity with Netanyahu, saying, "Every one of us has tasted that taste."

Former MK Yoash Tsidion told *The Jerusalem Post* that Remnick had misquoted him in the piece, although as it was a telephone interview he is prepared to give Remnick the benefit of the doubt.

Tsidion added that Netanyahu "did a lot of things right, some of them he did the wrong way. Today there is no alternative to Netanyahu and I'd vote for him again."

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Court begins hearing petitions on draft deferments

MKs, students seek draft of yeshiva students

By DAN IZENBERG

Eight percent of the 18-year-old men who were eligible for the draft last year were given deferments on the basis of their status as full-time yeshiva students, the state informed the High Court of Justice yesterday during the first day of hearings on two petitions to change the current deferment system.

One petition, submitted by the Tel Aviv University student union, called for the abolition of the deferment system, which was initiated in 1949 and greatly expanded in 1977.

The other, submitted by Meretz MKs Haim Oron and Amnon Rubinstein and five reserve soldiers, called for a three percent ceiling on the number of deferments to be granted each year. There has been no ceiling since the signing of the coalition agreement in 1977.

The petitions are being heard by a panel of 11 justices, who peppered Uzi Fogelman, of the State Attorney's Office, and Ra'anan Har-Zahav, representing Oron and Rubinstein, with questions throughout the two-hour session.

In 1986, a three-justice panel rejected a petition by Yehuda Ressler, now representing the Tel Aviv University students, which called for abolition of the deferments.

However, the court said that the

arrangement should be reexamined from time to time.

Fogelman told the court that Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai had concluded that the considerations which led his predecessors to grant deferments to all yeshiva students are still valid.

Among the reasons he gave are that yeshiva students would have serious difficulty adjusting to army life, they would have difficulty overcoming the feeling that they were wasting their time by not studying Torah, and that they might hurt the army rather than help.

Many of the justices wanted to know what made Mordechai think haredim might not make effective soldiers. "What is this argument based on?" asked Justice Eliyahu Mazza. "Empirical facts based on the experience of haredi soldiers who were conscripted and afterward dropped out because of unsuitability?"

Fogelman acknowledged that this was not the case.

"This estimation is based on reasoning," Fogelman said, adding that until four years ago, all yeshiva students with draft deferments had undergone medical tests and had proven medically fit to serve.

During the last four years, however, the army has waived the tests for yeshiva students who asked for dispensation on

grounds of modesty.

Justice Yitzhak Englad asked Har-Zahav to justify the petition to the court when the Knesset is already currently dealing with the issue, a reference to Labor MK Ehud Barak's bill calling for the conscription of yeshiva students.

Har-Zahav replied that as long as the situation is as it is today, the court must address the question of whether the current arrangement is reasonable.

The justices, who stressed that the state lacked elementary information on the population of yeshiva students that had received deferments, asked Fogelman to prepare the following information for the next session.

• What is the precise procedure for receiving a deferment?

• How many pacifists have been granted deferments?

• What bills on the question of conscripting yeshiva students are before the Knesset?

• What provisions regarding deferments have been made in the latest coalition agreements?

• How many yeshiva students who receive deferments are allowed to hold jobs as teachers?

• How many students have taken advantage of the 1977 arrangement whereby any high school student who takes the five-point matriculation exam in Talmud is eligible for a deferment?



Meretz MKs Haim Oron (left) and Amnon Rubinstein chat at yesterday's High Court hearing on their petition calling for a change in the system of granting draft deferments to yeshiva students. (Isaac Harari)

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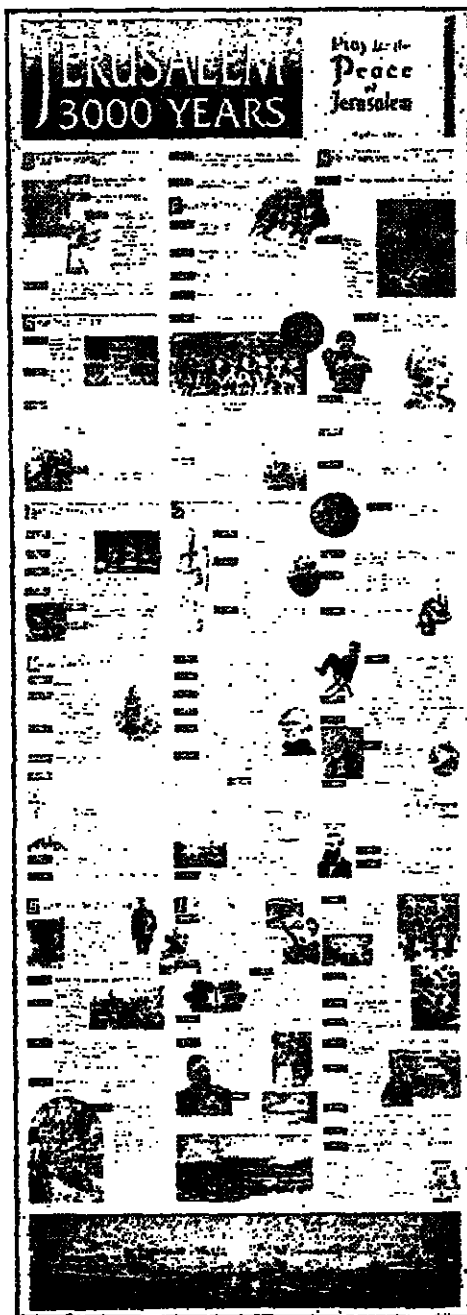
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Freedom of Information Law passes unanimously

By LIAT COLLINS

In a move being hailed as "revolutionary" by civil rights groups, the Knesset yesterday passed the final reading of the Freedom of Information Law. The law was promoted by MK Dedi Zucker (Meretz) and presented as government-sponsored legislation by Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi. It passed unanimously by 26 votes.

The new law is the result of unusual cooperation among various NGOs, including the Coalition for Freedom of Information, the

government, and individual MKs from both the opposition and coalition.

"The law determines that the information belongs to you - the citizen - and not the authorities. If they do not provide the information you want, they must explain their reasoning," Zucker told reporters.

Under the law, local authorities, government ministries, the Knesset, the state comptroller, Beit Hanassi, government companies, and the courts must provide information requested by citizens, residents, foreign workers, and resi-

dents of the territories - and every ministry must publish information even if not specifically requested.

Until now someone requesting information had to explain the reason why. "The right to information is not a new one, but this is the first time it is recognized in a law determining the means of carrying it out. It will require a change in the thinking of public officials and civil servants," said Hanegbi.

Rabbi Uri Regev, director of the Reform Movement's Israel Religious Action Committee, one of the groups which pushed for the

legislation, said it would have far-reaching implications on material concerning health, environment, and minorities, among other fields.

However, one clause lists a large number of exemptions, mainly for reasons of security, privacy, and trade or professional secrets. If a request is refused on these grounds, the courts may still determine that the information should nonetheless be handed over.

"I think we found the balance between the rights of citizens and security needs which are also in the citizens' interests," Zucker said.

Patient attacks psychiatric hospital doctor

By JUDY SIEGEL

The director of the emergency room at the Geha psychiatric hospital was attacked by a patient yesterday. The patient, apparently a drug addict, tried to stab Dr. Leon Karp with a sharp letter opener and beat him viciously all over his body.

Karp, the fourth doctor to be attacked in the past two weeks, was treated at the Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Campus and sent home to recover. The Geha Mental Health Center, a state-owned hospi-

tal in Petah Tikva, filed a complaint with the police against the attacker, who was brought in by police for investigation but later released.

The patient asked to be hospitalized, but after examining him, Karp recommended he instead be referred to a drug rehabilitation center.

The patient suddenly grabbed a letter opener from the doctor's desk and struggled with Karp, trying to stab him.

The physician managed to avoid being stabbed, but he was beaten badly.

Doctors at Geha immediately went on strike for the rest of the day in protest against the violence. Within the past two weeks, a senior Prison Service doctor was murdered by a car bomb; a Kaplan Hospital doctor had his nose broken by a patient waiting in the emergency room; and the national soccer team physician was injured when a fan threw a soft-drink can at him.

Israel Medical Association chairman Dr. Yoram Blachar declared that "violent acts arouse much anxiety among physicians and are

liable to prevent them from functioning normally." He demanded that the authorities post policemen in every emergency room to deter attackers.

Acting Health Ministry spokesman Yair Amikam was not aware of the incident last night, but he said that Health Minister Yehoshua Mazza has been "shocked" by the recent violence. The minister "opposes turning hospitals into armed camps, but he will ask the authorities to look into the security situation there."

RUSSIAN PRESS REVIEW

By YOSEF BEGUN

Veterans celebrate

VE Day was commemorated by a parade in Jerusalem and festive gatherings around the country. In *Vesti Jerusalem*, Bina Smechova wrote that the parade of Red Army veterans, together with IDF soldiers and officers, which had taken place for the third year, is now more customary for Jerusalemites.

Commenting on Labor Party leader Ehud Barak's meeting with veterans in Hadera, where he said that "without the victory of the Red Army in World War II, this country would not exist," *Vremya's* Gary Resnikovsky said that politicians regard the veterans as an important electorate.

Barak tried to assure the veterans, many of whom have trouble

making ends meet, that "such people should not have to live here in need without a roof over their heads."

Clash of cultures

According to a survey, reported *Letsi Malkov* in *Vesti*, more than half of Jerusalemites would leave the city if there were a haredi mayor, while three quarters of the haredim polled expressed a desire to have a haredi mayor.

Novosti Nedeli quoted Labor MK Sofia Landver as saying that as long as there is no separation between state and religion, Israel will remain among several fundamentalist states.

Dov Kontorin in *Vesti* criticized those whom he called the "priestly

class," who present their refusal to do productive work as a religious ideology. But he warned against aggravated attacks against haredim, who "deserve praise not punishment" because they stand up against "the chimera of the new Middle East."

Yisrael Ba'aliya in crisis?

Last week's meeting of the Yisrael Ba'aliya central committee "was like a clash between two camps," wrote Lazer Dranker in *Vesti*. Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein was reelected chairman of the central committee. The opposition was headed by Yuri Stern and Michael Nudelman (the latter also ran for the position).

Alex Prilutsky said in *Vesti* that "the party leadership successfully used the situation by bringing, just before the session, over 50 new members... most of them officers in the two ministries headed by Yisrael Ba'aliya leaders."

Although Edelstein said that "there is no opposition in the party, except for several disgruntled people who were supported by a handful of members," Dranker noted that some members said that "the voting was conducted by party leaders who want at least 51 percent of the party stock and whom everyone [on the committee] fears."

Novosti Nedeli quoted Stern as saying, "We did not leave the party... we will continue to seek ways to get the party out of crisis."

Arabs protest demolition of Beduin home

By DAVID RUDGE

Work is set to start soon on rebuilding a house in an unrecognized Beduin village near Karmiel that was destroyed under an administrative demolition order on Sunday.

The decision to rebuild the house was taken by the Israeli Arab leadership's monitoring committee.

Abd Inbitawi, spokesman for the forum, said a letter had been sent to Interior Minister Eli Shussan informing him of the decision and protesting the demolition.

Local residents claimed that the home, which comes under the jurisdiction of the Misgav Regional Council, had been there for over 50 years and that there was no reason for it to have been demolished.

The allegation was categorically denied by Leonid Malikin, chief engineer of the local building and planning commission. "This building was constructed in the second half of 1977, without any planning or building permission," Malikin said.

"This was a new illegal building and the commission had no alternative but to issue an administrative demolition order. The owner was informed and petitioned Acre Magistrate's Court against the order, but the court rejected the petition and the order was carried out."

Inbitawi said that representatives of the monitoring committee are scheduled to meet Shussan in two weeks and would raise the problem of illegal building and unrecognized settlements in the Arab sector.

"The Interior Ministry and the national building and planning commission have so far failed to give their approval to development plans that have been submitted to them by Arab councils," said Inbitawi.

"The delay in approving these plans, coupled with the demolition of houses, constitutes continued discrimination against Arab councils and the Arab community," he added.

No reaction was available from the Interior Ministry.

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Barak: Court reform not aimed at creating constitutional court

By DAN IZENBERG

The recommendations of the Orr Committee on reforming the structure of the courts are aimed at speeding up the litigation process and have nothing to do with turning the High Court of Justice into a constitutional court, Supreme Court President Aharon Barak told the Knesset Law Committee yesterday.

The reform is based primarily on turning the magistrate's courts into courts of first instance in all but a handful of cases — many of which are now dealt with in district court. District courts will primarily become courts of appeals, while the Supreme Court will deal mainly with matters of legal principle and precedent or cases with far-reaching social consequences.

Contrary to press reports, Barak said, the recommendations have the full support of all

judges in the system. However, the Israel Bar Association is opposed to the reform and several MKs expressed concern at possible implications of the recommendations.

Barak also tried to allay suspicions that the aim of the recommendations is to divest the Supreme Court of its current responsibilities so that it can devote all its time to dealing with constitutional matters.

"The number of constitutional cases the court deals with is minimal," said Barak. "Today, there are five constitutional cases pending. Since the two basic human rights laws were passed in 1992, the court has dealt with no more than 10 cases. We cannot, and do not want to build a constitutional court around such a small number of cases."

Barak said he hopes to reduce the time it takes to deal with cases. For example, a civil suit takes two years between submission and verdict. He hopes to reduce this to three or

four months, if no witnesses are necessary, and up to a year if they are. High Court petitions, which take an average of 18 months, will take six months.

With much of the caseload being transferred from the district to the magistrate's courts, the magistrate's courts in bigger cities will be expanded and divided into sections which will specialize in different types of cases, Barak said. Each section will be headed by a deputy court president. The expansion of the magistrate's courts will require an additional 60 judges, he said.

The Finance Ministry has agreed to underwrite the expansion over four years, including 1998, and the first 15 judges have already been appointed, he said. In the first stage, all magistrate's court civil cases will pass through a section called the "section for resolving disputes." Here, they will be classified and sent to the various sectors, including

a special section within the court aimed at finding non-trial solutions or even arbitration outside the court system.

Many of the MKs expressed concern that magistrate's court judges would not be able to handle difficult cases. Yael Dayan said it had taken a long battle to get the district courts to appoint three-judge panels to hear cases of severe domestic violence. She feared the achievement would fall victim to the reform.

Barak said he was certain that the magistrate's court judges would be able to cope with the challenge, adding that he would make sure they all took special training courses in the various areas with which they would have to deal.

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi said he hopes the bill turning the recommendations of the Orr Committee into law would be passed by the end of the year.

NEWS

in brief

Body of missing man found

The body of Kess Avraham Maharat, 80, a recent immigrant from Ethiopia, was found yesterday near Kiryat Gat. Maharat, who had been missing since Sunday, apparently died as a result of dehydration. He had left his Ashdod home by taxi for Ashkelon and Hamei Yoav, but never arrived. Maharat had suffered from diabetes. *Itim*

Weizman shuns Deri request

President Ezer Weizman, on the first day after his inauguration for a second term, yesterday flatly refused to intervene to keep MK Arye Deri from being tried for public malfeasance.

Deri is presently on trial for fraud and breach of trust, but Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein has recommended that his Knesset immunity be lifted so he can also be tried for alleged misconduct while serving as minister of the interior. That recommendation has not yet been acted upon.

"On no account will I interfere, nor will I express an opinion on the matter until the legal system has determined what it has to determine," Weizman told a delegation of Shas activists. *Haim Shapiro*

Clalit members face extra charge

Kupat Holim Clalit members who need Magen David Adom's mobile intensive care units (MICU) are liable to be charged much more than the regular fee because the health fund, according to MDA, owes it NIS 5 million.

If the money is not transferred by June 1, MDA said Clalit members will have to pay extra for the service. The Clalit spokeswoman commented that the figures given by MDA were "exaggerated," and that detailed bills had not been supplied. *Judy Siegel*

Not all fresh vegetables healthy

The Health Ministry's food service administration has found that fresh parsley marketed by Salat Glati in Gush Katif contains excessive levels of pesticides. The administration has therefore ordered that the parsley be removed from the stores and destroyed.

In addition, the Consumer Protection Authority held separate checks of leafy vegetables and found that parsley and lettuce from Yerakot Beshafa Lemehadrin and coriander, lettuce and dill from Meshek Hanan in Moshav Batza also had illegal amounts of pesticides.

These too were removed from the shelves and destroyed. *Judy Siegel*

Murder rate doubles

By LIAT COLLINS

There were 60 murders in Israel during the first quarter of the year, more than twice the number for the same period in 1997, according to State Attorney Edna Arbel.

There is a murder every 56 hours; a rape every 12 hours; an incident of bodily harm every 21 minutes; and a car theft every 11 minutes, according to Arbel's figures, presented at a meeting of the Knesset Interior Committee.

"The picture at present is difficult and should definitely be cause for concern for all of us," Arbel said. "It should mobilize us into action on the issue of violence."

Minister of Internal Security Avigdor Kahalani promised to bring down the crime rate but said it is not just a job for the police.

"The war on crime includes other establishments," he said. "The [police] must catch the criminals and put them behind bars. But to change behavioral norms one must also look toward the education system, the social services and the court system."

The meeting was a follow-up to last week's session on the murder of Ya'acov Zieglerboim, chief medical officer of the Prisons Service.

Police Inspector-General Yehuda Wilk called for more support from the legislators.

"Society and the Knesset must understand that I work with the authority I have," Wilk said. "If I'm not allowed to put down a mattress on the floor [of a detention cell] for a detainee... I won't make arrests because I don't have anywhere to put the people. My authority to keep detainees in these conditions was taken away but I was not given the budget for new prisons."

Committee chairman Sallah Tarif (Labor) said: "Two years ago we worried about terrorist activity. Now the fear is of violence on the streets."



Oldest illustrated Bible arrives at Israel Museum

Israel Museum director James Snyder and Dr. Iris Fishof, curator of the museum's exhibition 'In the light of the Menora — story of a symbol,' examine two pages from the first Leningrad Bible, which the Russian State Library in St. Petersburg has lent to the exhibit. The Leningrad Bible was written in Egypt in 929 CE and is probably the oldest illustrated bible in existence, though only 241 of its parchments remain. *(Efraim Kilshuk)*

Yitzhak Levy: Immigrants are Israel's 'oxygen'

By LIAT COLLINS

The absorption of Jews from around the world is "oxygen to the State of Israel," Education Minister Yitzhak Levy said yesterday in the Knesset.

"If the oxygen is cut off, I don't know what will happen," he continued.

Levy was answering several motions on Israeli-Diaspora relations. The debate followed a meeting of the First International Jewish Youth Congress in the House.

Some 120 adolescents from Israel and around the world attended the meeting.

Levy said the major danger facing Jewish youth abroad is assimilation and that an obvious answer to this is Jewish education. He criticized the Jewish Agency for becoming less and less active in this field.

He repeated the idea that if every Jewish youth could spend one year studying in Israel, the result would be a closer connection with the Diaspora and greater immigration.

Amid light heckling from MK Taleb A-Sanaa (Democratic Arab Party), Levy said unless Israel remains an obviously Jewish state it is doubtful Jewish youth abroad will find a reason to feel a connection to it. He stressed, however, that there is no contradiction between Israel being both Jewish and democratic.

Another aspect of Israel-Diaspora relations was raised yesterday as MKs from both opposition and coalition called for a parliamentary commission of inquiry into the Maccabiah disaster. The

move was initiated by MK Micha Goldman (Labor) and gained the support of, among others, Communications Minister Limor Livnat and MK Ophir Pines (Labor), who visited Sacha Alterman in Australia last week, shortly before she underwent more operations for the injuries she received when a bridge collapsed at the opening ceremony of last year's Maccabiah.

El Al could face lawsuit for searching passenger

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK — The US Supreme Court has agreed to decide whether a New York woman can sue El Al for emotional trauma she says she suffered five years ago after a security search as she tried to board a flight to Tel Aviv.

Tsui Yuan Tseng, a nutritionist at Beth Israel Medical Center, sued El Al in a New York state court. She is seeking \$5 million in damages and claiming that the airline "assaulted and falsely imprisoned and physically and mentally abused her."

El Al argued that an international treaty, known as the Warsaw Convention, bars the claim in a US state court. Instead, the airline says, the treaty covers all injuries sustained during international air travel.

Tseng was classified as "high risk" by airline security at New York's Kennedy Airport on May 22, 1993. According to court papers, Tseng was taken to a private room, where she was subjected to a 15-minute search of her entire body, including her breasts and groin area, by a female security guard. El Al personnel then decided she did

not present a security risk and allowed her to board the flight.

Tseng, however, said that because of the search, she was "emotionally traumatized and disturbed" throughout her month-long trip to Israel and later underwent medical and psychiatric treatment.

The case, which will not be argued until the fall, does not deal with the actual propriety of the search, but instead about the right to sue in American courts for emotional

injury and the reach of the Warsaw Convention, which deals with physical injury.

A lower federal court ruling, if upheld by the Supreme Court, would allow Tseng to sue El Al under state law. In New York, an El Al spokeswoman said she was unaware of the case.

The Air Transport Association, representing 22 American and three foreign airlines, said the case is of international importance because

the lower court's ruling had undermined the Warsaw Convention and could affect the ability of the airline industry to carry out security measures.

Tseng's attorney, Robert Silk, said it was "total nonsense that this would have an effect on airline security."

"If they wanted to search her, they had a right. But they treated her like she was a criminal, without rights."

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The fund was initiated by the Peres Center for Peace, which will act as consultant to the venture, while the fund is to be managed by Evergreen Canada Israel Investments, the Palestinian Capital company run by Hani Masri, and the International Finance Corporation, the World Bank's private financing arm.

Despite the fund's name, Evergreen CEO Ofer Neeman said the fund would be investing

in a wide variety of fields, including telecommunications, textiles, food, tourism, and infrastructure.

According to the Neeman, about 20 Israeli businessmen each made a \$1m. investment in the fund. Among those involved who attended yesterday's ceremony were Koor Industries CEO Benjamin Gaon, Delta CEO Dov Lautman, and Clal Industries CEO Rimom Ben-Shaul.

"The business community has realized that the peace process is too sensitive to leave to the politicians," Gaon said.

Lautman emphasized that the

fund is entirely a business venture. "It is better to bring business in order to develop the Palestinian areas than make donations," he said. "If the Jews abroad had brought businesses instead of making donations, Israel would have been in a much better situation earlier on and a lot of money would not have been wasted."

He said that Delta, which has established successful textile operations in Egypt and Jordan, is looking at the possibility of setting up a factory in the Karni industrial park.

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Gabriella Cohen, deputy director of the Industry and Trade Ministry's Foreign Trade Administration in charge of international agreements, said that since there is no customs agreement between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, there must be a single customs umbrella, as outlined by the Paris Agreement.

"The Paris Agreement is a fact and it can't be ignored," she said. "Solving this issue is a matter of political will and desire to advance the peace process and not to create conflicts."

AP adds: Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak yesterday urged Europe to put pressure on Israel to abide by peace agreements.

Mubarak, who along with French President Jacques Chirac has called for an international conference to revive the peace process, accused Israel of "seizing on the most flimsy pretexts" to renege on the Oslo Accords.

SUHARTO

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Students forced their way into the halls and onto the roof of Parliament, occupying the building ahead of what is touted to be the largest yet in months of growing anti-government protests — a rally that the opposition hopes will draw up to 1 million students and workers to a park just outside the white-columned presidential palace.

Army tanks and trucks rolled out by the dozens just before midnight last night, unloading barbed wire for barricades to block off the park and taking up positions on streets around the site — gearing up to confront whatever today's protest brings.

While much of the public has turned against him in the face of an economic crisis, Indonesia's top military brass are backing Suharto, a retired general who himself came to power in time of turmoil in 1966 — and has ruled with little toleration for dissent ever since.

"I will not be prepared to be elected any more," Suharto said yesterday. "I have taken the decision as president to implement and lead national reform immediately."

Suharto's iron-fisted rule provided stability and, until finan-

cial crisis set in last year, economic growth for this sprawling Southeast Asian archipelago of 202 million people.

Critics accuse him of widespread human rights abuses and of jostling over a regime riddled with corruption and nepotism.

More than 500 people have died in looting and arson spree following a rash of student protests.

Suharto himself did not give a timetable for change, saying elections would be held "as soon as possible." But he stressed that he would follow the country's 1945 constitution, which could mean at least three to six months before a new vote.

He promised to appoint a special reform council to draft new laws for parliamentary elections and change the structure of Parliament. After the elections, a new president would be appointed by a special assembly, made up of lawmakers and government appointees.

Philatelic Museum opens

The National Philatelic Museum, with exhibits on 150 years of postal services here, opened yesterday in Tel Aviv's Eretz Yisrael Museum. Sponsored by the Postal Authority and the Tel Aviv Development Foundation, the \$5 million museum is meant to help mark the 50th anniversary of independence. Multimedia and computerized displays are on show, along with stamps from Israel's first Doar Ivri series. *Judy Siegel*

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Renaissance country

BANSKO, Bulgaria — Seasoned travelers trawl old associations to help fix new impressions. Some are as odd as they are fruitful.

Browsing a newspaper on a flight from Varna (on the Black Sea coast) to Sofia, I made a mental note that a book, *The Gift of the Jews*, by Irishman Thomas Cahill, is still riding high on the New York Times best-seller lists. Cahill's excellent, first best-seller was called *How the Irish Saved Civilization*, an account of how Irish literary monks saved, preserved, and then restored European classical and Christian culture during and after the Dark Ages.

Without this mental note, I would never have noticed a little book in a dark recess of the tourist stall in Bulgaria's renowned Rila monastery. The title, *Civilizers of the Slavs*, triggered that association with Cahill's quest for the roots of our great European heritage among the legacies of the ancient Jews, Irish, and Greeks. So I bought Bjodir Dimitrov's beautifully illustrated text.

Beautifully illustrated indeed, except that the illuminated Bible manuscripts could all be pages from the *Book of Kells*, the oldest Irish book from "the era of saints and scholars," which sits in Trinity College in Dublin.

Celtic shadows

Even more surprising is that the Bulgarian Dimitrov writes with European pride about the "unfading and steadfast work of thousands of Irish monks" in the fight to replace barbarism with literacy. "These sons of Ireland, descendants of an ancient people, survived in the massacres of the barbarians and then went out again, books in hand" to restore the learning Europe lost.

"In Eastern Europe, this was carried out by the Bulgarians." That's the author's quiet punchline, and the first key for an ignoramus like myself to the mystery of Bulgaria's intense and enduring civilization.

Bulgarian civilization is one that has been masked for centuries by its powerful neighbors: Turks, Austro-Hungarians, Germans, and finally, Communists. The scars of the four pro-Soviet eras are everywhere, though not so visible in the luminous, green countryside. But the exuberance of recovery is visible too.

In Bansko, a town of 10,000 in the Pirin mountains southeast of Sofia, one could see it all. Tourism is the buzz word. New dacha-style apartments wait to welcome winter skiers, some of the town's old (pre-Communist), wooden houses and cobbled streets have been restored to splendor.

But there is, too, the inevitable bleak people's square, bleak people's apartments with plaster and paint falling off and people's pot-holed roads.

Prez confranz!

The townsfolk are wild with optimism, naive in an enthusiastic

belief that every foreign journalist or businessman is a sign of salvation, unstinting in their hospitality. (For our small group of six Israelis, the town mayor and entire council turned out to host the inevitable "Prez Confranz" with warm welcomes, lengthy speeches, dinner and folk dancing.)

Looking at these hopeful, intelligent small-town faces, it was salutary to remember that these are people of a civilization that dates from the "Great Bulgaria," on these same lands mentioned by ancient Greek authors.

It is a civilization that could have been wiped out a thousand times in this fertile strategic rectangle between the Danube and the Greeks, between Cherno

More (the Black Sea) and Macedonia. It has endured — and it is blossoming again. Culturally, this is renaissance country.

It is a culture the Ottoman Turks tried to obliterate in almost 500 years of occupation. They failed, and they failed simply because two brothers, Cyril and Methodius, helped establish Bulgarian culture in the ninth century by creating the Cyrillic script for the Slavs.

So make one

They solved a simple bureaucratic problem for King Boris I, who wanted to unite all Bulgarians by making Orthodox Christianity the official religion. The holy texts could only be studied in one of the three sacred languages: Latin, Greek, or Hebrew. For Bulgarians, Hebrew was too alien, Latin too Western, and Greek too close — Byzantium was the enemy. So they made their own script, and made it an acceptable script for the sacred texts of Orthodoxy.

On that basis, the monasteries adopted the same wider role that they did in Ireland — not merely places of religion, but sanctuaries to record and store the legends, literature, music and culture of the whole nation.

To see Rila monastery in all its majesty among the tall pines of Rila mountain is to understand the current cultural renaissance in Bulgaria. Built in the 10th century to stand as the guardian of Bulgaria's soul, it has been razed, plundered and torched. It has risen again and again, still the unbowed guardian of the nation's soul, now an official monument to national heritage.

Maybe it will have peace at last, a silent compass point among the sighing pines. The kids crowding the Kazanlika cafes and Rollerblade parks that were once the People's Square will soon forget Rila in favor of the Spice Girls and Big Macs.

And why not? This is the first heady gulp of pure freedom for many a century. But without the startling vision of Boris, and Cyril, and Methodius there would be no Bulgaria. Because of them, this is a small, wonderful nation that may yet inherit its golden age.

This is the second of three dispatches from Bulgaria.

Column One



Thomas O'Dwyer

Today Siberia, tomorrow Moscow

Alexander Lebed's victory in Krasnoyarsk's gubernatorial election restores him as a strong contender for the presidency when Boris Yeltsin's term ends in 2000

By RICHARD C. PADDOCK

MOSCOW — Retired Gen. Alexander I. Lebed, the maverick politician feared by the Kremlin and the Communist Party, returned to the forefront of national politics Sunday by winning the governorship of one of Russia's largest provinces.

Reviving a political career that many pundits had declared over, Lebed defeated the incumbent governor of Krasnoyarsk, Valery Zubov, by 56 percent to 39 percent with 85 percent of the vote counted.

"Once again, the people have proved to be much smarter than all the shrewd and crafty politicians," Lebed, 48, said early Monday morning in a televised interview. "I am an independent man, and I have been trying to unite under my banner all those people who are sick and tired of living like slaves on their own land."

The victory of the gravel-voiced general, who fought in Afghanistan and made peace in Chechnya, makes him a strong contender for the presidency when Boris Yeltsin's term ends in 2000.

Lebed's popular appeal is based in part on the desire of many Russians to see a strong leader once again take charge of their country and return it to its former glory. But some political analysts warn that he is an ambitious military man whose only real goal is to amass power.

"He has no principles or positions to speak of," said Igor Klyamkin, director of the Institute of Political Analysis.

"All he has are the habits of a Soviet general who is inclined to make simple and blunt decisions. He will destabilize the political situation even further. He is a very bad alternative for Russia."

With his victory as governor of Krasnoyarsk, Lebed automatically wins a seat in the Federation Council, Russia's

upper house of parliament. Some observers speculate that he could become an even more influential national figure by winning the election as the leader of the house.

Lebed placed third in the presidential primary in 1996 behind Yeltsin and Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov, then formed an alliance with Yeltsin that helped the president win reelection. He served as the national security adviser in Yeltsin's new administration. But after he forged the 1996 agreement that ended the war in the separatist republic of Chechnya, Yeltsin dismissed Lebed from his high-profile post.

Exiled from the Kremlin, Lebed bided his time, built a political organization and resurfaced in Siberia to campaign in Krasnoyarsk — a territory more than three times the size of Texas.

Zubov, 45, an economist, characterized Lebed in the campaign as an outsider who didn't understand the region's problems and wasn't the governor's job only as a stepping stone to the presidency. In fact, Lebed is not a legal resident of the region and could not vote in Sunday's election.

But the retired general promised to tackle the economic problems of the region and said he would not run for president until he had succeeded in "lifting up" the territory. His pledge proved enough for most voters; in Norilsk, he won 85% of the votes.

In recent weeks, the campaign had taken on the appearance of an early presidential contest. Potential candidates, such as Zyuganov and Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov, traveled to the territory to campaign for Zubov.

Lebed had the backing of tycoon Boris Berezovsky, prompting his foes to charge that he planned to sell off the territory's natural resources to the robber barons who already control much of Russia's economy. (Los Angeles Times)



Lebed: Power hungry militarist or visionary destined to revive Russia's lost glory? (AP)

In Quebec, history is no game

By HOWARD SCHNEIDER

TORONTO — Canada does not deify its former prime ministers. There aren't any grand libraries or museums in their home towns, no eponymous cities or well-preserved ancestral homes.

Instead of folk legends about chopping down cherry trees or studying by candlelight or leading soldiers up a hill in battle, the tales include one in which Canada's head of government puked during a debate because he was drunk, and another in which the country's leader tried to summon advice from his dead mother.

Heck, in some parts of the country, people have trouble remembering who the first prime minister was, or even when the country became a country.

But when it comes to anything associated with the current separatist provincial government, well, then the pencils get sharpened and suddenly Canada becomes a country just brimming with Alex Trebek's (of American TV game show *Jeopardy!*).

So it was earlier this month when the government of Quebec unveiled a new memorial in

Quebec City, the provincial capital that served as the setting for critical meetings between President Franklin Roosevelt and British prime minister Winston Churchill during World War II.

They planned the Normandy invasion there in 1943, and a year later met to continue their joint conduct of the Allied effort. Occasions worth marking, no doubt, and ones that Quebec's National Capital Commission felt warranted a sculpture and busts of the two leaders inside the walled gates of the town's historic old city.

So far, so good. What the commission did not do, however, was include Canada's wartime leader, the host of the meeting, prime minister Mackenzie King (who, incidentally, is also the one who schmoozed with his mother beyond the grave).

To historical purists, this is no grave injustice, because, although he was the host, King had no role in the substance of the meetings as Churchill and Roosevelt ironed out their strategy for ending the war. Including King as an equal would have elevated his role at the expense of other Allied figures, simply because Churchill and

Roosevelt thought Quebec City would be a fun place to plan an invasion.

But this is Quebec, remember, and the current government of Quebec, headed by Parti Quebecois leader Lucien Bouchard, wants to separate from the rest of the Canada. Consequently, the exclusion of King from the sculpture has significance beyond historical fact: It's now a bona fide Canadian issue, one that ranks right up there with whether members of parliament can put tiny flags on their desks.

To deny the presence of prime minister Mackenzie King in a homage to this conference in Quebec City is absolutely unacceptable, in bad taste and should never have been accepted," said Prime Minister Jean Chretien (whose folklore will undoubtedly include the time he cuffed a protester he felt was getting too cozy with him).

When the statue was unveiled, anti-separatist activists gathered to sing "O Canada," a scene familiar along Quebec's streets.

There have been fights there over the Canadian flag. For a while it wasn't flown in front of City Hall because the separatist

council wouldn't allow it; then it was raised informally by a group of Canadian patriots every morning for a few hours, and it is now officially flown again after some newly elected council members decided it should be.

And last summer, there was another statue that caused trouble, this one commemorating the visit of French president Charles de Gaulle to Quebec in the 1960s, a tour during which he forever angered Canadian loyalists and emboldened Quebec separatists by shouting "Vive le Quebec libre!" during a speech.

The head of one Canadian history group said the King incident shows how touchy history is, and how both sides in the debate over Quebec's future try to manipulate symbols to further their cause.

Rudyard Griffith, head of the Toronto-based Dominion Institute, said monuments like the de Gaulle statue or the one of Roosevelt and Churchill help distance Quebec's history from that of the rest of Canada, a fact he says is connected to the current provincial government's separatist aspirations.

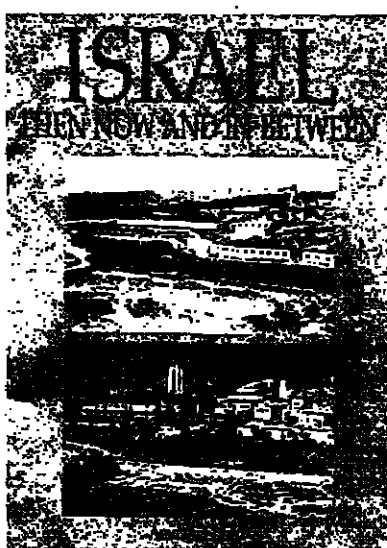
"It is an ongoing effort to create a distinct history for a distinct

society and support the idea of a politically sovereign Quebec," Griffith said. "It continually... marks off these distinctions between the French experience in North America from the English-speaking world... It is a thumb in the eye to the rest of Canada."

But, he noted, the other side is not wholly innocent, as attested by the millions of public dollars spent to distribute free Canadian flags, an initiative that infuriated separatists in Quebec.

Likewise, Griffith said, he sees a similar manipulation of symbols in a recent initiative to exonerate and rehabilitate the reputation of Louis Riel, a metis, or French-Indian, leader, who was hanged in 1885 for treason after fomenting small rebellions in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

His hanging is still considered an injustice by many Quebecers. But Riel "is the worst person to rehabilitate," in Griffith's view, because he was also crazy, convinced he was sent by God as a prophet for North America, destined to establish a new papal seat in Montreal and a separate government in the prairies. "Both sides," Griffith said, "play with history." (Washington Post)



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Pakistan: Nuclear tests only 'matter of time'

Prime Minister Sharif:
We're not afraid of sanctions

Pakistani Foreign Minister Gohar Ayub Khan said it would only be "a matter of time" before the country carried out nuclear tests in retaliation for India's blasts, a Japanese newspaper reported yesterday.

In a phone interview with the *Mainichi Shinbun*, Khan said comments by a Japanese envoy suggesting Pakistan had not yet made up its mind about whether to carry out such tests were "incorrect."

"It is just a matter of time," he told the *Mainichi* late Monday. Khan added that a decision already had been reached about conducting a test, but declined to elaborate, the *Mainichi* said.

Seiichi Noboru, an envoy dispatched by Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, said on Monday after meeting with Khan that his impression was that the government had yet to make up its mind about tests.

"My understanding is that the Pakistani government is reviewing the situation very cautiously, very carefully," he said.

Khan confirmed reports that US Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott, who met with Pakistani officials last week, had offered assistance, including unblocking Pakistan's receipt of F-16 fighters, if it did not match India's nuclear tests. Khan said Pakistan had not made any formal response, the

Mainichi said. US Senate Intelligence Committee leaders said on Sunday they would give Pakistan the fighters in return for restraint on the nuclear question.

Pakistan paid for 28 F-16 fighters in 1990, but their delivery has been blocked by a congressional ban aimed at preventing Pakistan from developing nuclear weapons.

Meanwhile, Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said yesterday that Pakistan was not afraid of the economic sanctions which a Pakistani nuclear test could trigger.

"As far as sanctions are concerned, we are already used to them. We are not going to be afraid of them," he said at a function to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of state-run Radio Pakistan.

"In this connection, all the justice-seeking nations should be with us. Our friends are already with us and the entire nation is strongly united," he said in a speech which was broadcast live.

His speech gave no clue as to whether Pakistan would go ahead with a test to demonstrate its nuclear capability against what it sees as a threat from India.

The US, Britain and Japan all have urged Pakistan not to conduct a nuclear test in response to India's five. Both Washington and Japan have said they will punish Pakistan with sanctions if it defies calls for restraint.



Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif (right) confers with Information Minister Mushahid Hussain yesterday in Islamabad. (AP)

Islamabad has voiced "deep disappointment" at what is seen as lukewarm sanctions on New Delhi by Washington and Tokyo and the condemnation from major industrial powers that convened for a Group of Eight (G-8) Industrialized States summit over the weekend.

"It is a very serious threat to Pakistan," Sharif said and complained the world had not done enough in terms of sanctions against New Delhi.

Sharif said Pakistan has taken serious notice of the Indian interior minister's warning to Islamabad over Kashmir, a major flashpoint

in Indo-Pakistan relations. India and Pakistan have fought two of their three wars over the disputed Himalayan region, two thirds of which is controlled by New Delhi and the rest by Islamabad.

"You must have heard today that they are discussing their aggressive designs towards Kashmir. By

grace of God we are prepared for any trial and the whole world knows that Pakistan has the ability to defend itself," Sharif said.

Indian Home Minister Lal Krishna Advani told reporters on Monday that India's nuclear tests showed New Delhi would take a tough stance over Kashmir insur-

gency. India accuses Pakistan of aiding Kashmiri militants, but Islamabad denies the charges and says it only provides diplomatic and moral support to freedom fighters there.

Sharif said it should become clear to the world that India's nuclear program was hegemonic and aggressive.

"Now the whole world believes that the fanatic fundamentalist rulers in India would not hesitate to cross the last threshold of aggression," he said.

Pakistani government officials fear that India, emboldened by divisions among Western powers over its tests, may strike at separatist guerrillas in Pakistan-controlled Kashmir.

Pakistan says it has the ability to carry out a nuclear test within 24 hours, but is in no hurry to do so.

"We can live with sanctions, as national security is supreme to economic or other needs," Finance Minister Sartaj Aziz said in an interview with the English-language daily *The News*. "We already faced such sanctions, and the country can manage again with full support and cooperation of the nation."

Aziz said the nature and duration of sanctions will determine the extent of impact on the economy.

He said in the case of India only 10 percent of foreign assistance as percentage of exports had been affected.

But in the case of Pakistan the impact would be close to \$3.0 billion, roughly a third of exports, he said. (News agencies)

Milosevic provokes Montenegro

By DONALD FORBES

BELGRADE (Reuters) — Montenegro's parliament was holding an emergency session yesterday to protest the sacking of Federal Prime Minister Radivoje Kontic in a struggle for power that political sources said risked destroying Yugoslavia.

Kontic's dismissal on Monday provoked a constitutional and political crisis between Serbia and Montenegro, with Montenegrin leaders warning they would refuse to work with an "illegal" government.

Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, who engineered the ouster through Montenegrin allies in the federal parliament, was meeting party leaders. He was not expected to name a new federal premier until later in the week.

The move against Kontic brought to a head the political battle for control of Yugoslavia between Milosevic and reformist

Montenegrin President Milo Djukanovic.

Political sources said the struggle could be the last act in the disintegration of Yugoslavia, now composed only of Serbia and Montenegro since the secession of four former republics in 1991-92.

Djukanovic told supporters in his capital Podgorica on Monday: "The decision [to remove Kontic and his government] is a blow against all of us... This is an act of breaking up Yugoslavia."

Kontic was not highly regarded as prime minister, but his dismissal was the latest in a long series of political crises provoked by Milosevic to protect his personal rule and the 50-year socialist monopoly of power in Yugoslavia.

Djukanovic's failure to save Kontic was a tactical defeat, but his challenge to Milosevic's authority will be sharpened if the coalition of parties which won him the presidency triumphs again in republican parliamentary elections

on May 31.

An opinion poll in the Serbian weekly *Argumenty* showed a majority of people blamed Milosevic for the confrontation with Montenegro.

The small southern republic has equal status in Yugoslavia despite having a fraction of Serbia's population and economic clout. It is landlocked Serbia's direct gateway to Adriatic ports.

Former Montenegrin president Momir Bulatovic, a Milosevic ally whom Djukanovic defeated in presidential elections last year, orchestrated Kontic's fall on Milosevic's behalf.

The prime minister was accused of incompetence, but political sources said Milosevic's main grievance against him was that he refused to take sides against Djukanovic.

Bulatovic's Socialist People's Party (SNP) was expected to be invited to nominate the next federal prime minister, possibly

Bulatovic himself.

Under a convention between the two republics, when the federal president is Serbian, as Milosevic is, the prime minister is Montenegrin.

Bulatovic and Djukanovic confront each other again in the May 31 elections which will affect the balance of power in the federal parliament from which Milosevic derives his own office as Yugoslav head of state.

Djukanovic, 35, has been backed by the US and Western Europe in his drive to break with Yugoslavia's communist past and usher Western business and social reforms into Montenegro's economy and political structures.

His modernizing style and opportunism clash with Milosevic's determination to cement in place a state-dominated system that keeps intact his personal authority and one of the last unreformed socialist economies in Europe.

Insurer sued for not covering Viagra

NEW YORK (Reuters) — US insurer Oxford Health Plans Inc. has been sued by one of its policy holders for not paying out for his treatment with Pfizer Inc.'s impotence drug Viagra, the electronic version of *The Wall Street Journal* reported yesterday.

The paper said Paul Sibley-Schreiber sued the insurer because "in effect Oxford is limiting my sex life." Sibley-Schreiber told the *Journal* that after having diabetes for 25 years, he has been impotent for five years and was greatly helped by the use of Viagra.

Lawyers representing Sibley-Schreiber said the suit, filed in the Eastern District of New York's federal court, may eventually be widened to include dozens of other insurance firms that have denied or restricted coverage of the drug.

Sibley-Schreiber's first prescription for 30 50mg tablets was covered by Oxford, the *Journal* said. However, when he went back to have a new prescription for 100mg pills, which worked better for him, Oxford wouldn't pay.

Sibley-Schreiber told the paper he had previously tried penile injections

and suppositories but nothing succeeded like Viagra, which he called a godsend. The lawsuit claims Oxford wrongly denied benefits for a prescription drug that is "medically necessary."

The *Journal* said the lawsuit is seeking both a prohibition of any further denials or restrictions of coverage and back compensation for Viagra prescriptions already paid out of pocket. The lawyers are seeking class-action status.

"It is putting up a barrier to my happiness," Sibley-Schreiber told the *Journal*.

Russia finalizes plans for czar's reburial

By VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV

MOSCOW (AP) — The government worked yesterday to finalize burial plans for Russia's last czar, while a small group of monarchists protested against what they said would be a "dubious ceremony."

The government has scheduled a burial ceremony for July 17, the 80th anniversary of Nicholas II's execution. It will take place at St.

Petersburg's Peter and Paul Cathedral, the traditional burial site of the Romanovs, who ruled Russia for 300 years.

But there are still differences between the government and the Russian Orthodox Church, and some private groups oppose the burial.

Various monarchist groups gathered throughout Moscow yesterday to mark the 130th anniversary of Nicholas II's birthday. Some criticized the burial plans and urged the

government to turn the remains over to the church, which is considering whether to make Nicholas II a saint.

"Instead of spending taxpayers' money on this dubious ceremony, they should put the remains to rest at a Yekaterinburg church where the czar prayed before his death," said Nikolai Lukyanov, the head of the All-Russian Monarchist Center and leader of a small group of pickets near government headquarters.

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Will the Mormon church repudiate its 'racist legacy'?

By LARRY B. STAMMER

Twenty years after the Mormon church dropped its ban against blacks in the priesthood, key leaders are debating a proposal to repudiate historic church doctrines that were used to bolster claims of black inferiority.

The proposal to disavow the teachings, which purport to link black skin color to curses from God recounted in Hebrew and Mormon Scriptures, is under review by the church's Committee on Public Affairs, made up of members of the church's highest governing circles, known as general authorities.

Sources close to the sensitive and still-secret deliberations hope that a statement will be issued as early as next month, the 20th anniversary of the landmark 1978 decision by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to admit all worthy men to the priesthood, regardless of their race or color.

Although the church's leaders now proclaim racial equality as a "fundamental teaching," the process of repudiating old doctrines remains difficult. Those

involved in the internal discussions say church leaders are searching for a formula that will allow them to retract earlier statements without undermining the faith of believers or the credibility of previous church figures whom the Mormons revere as prophets whose pronouncements were inspired by God.

"They feel like a lot of people may not believe the church is true because a lot of these things were said by previous prophets, and a true prophet of God shouldn't make mistakes," said David Jackson, a black Mormon who is among those calling for change.

The call for change comes at a time when the 10 million-member church is enjoying unprecedented growth in Africa and other developing countries. Several months ago the church's president and prophet, Gordon B. Hinckley, wrapped up a five-nation tour of Africa, where the church reports an estimated 110,000 converts as of the end of 1997, the latest figures available.

But black members of the church in the United States as well as some Mormon scholars warn that the "racist legacy" con-

tinued in various Mormon documents and authoritative statements risks undermining its mission unless they are disavowed.

"In the absence of any official corrections, these speculative and pejorative ideas will continue to be perpetuated in the church indefinitely," Mormon scholar Armand L. Mauss wrote in one internal paper prepared for church officials. Mauss is president of the Mormon History Association and a professor of sociology and religious studies at Washington State University in Pullman, Wash.

For most white members, the place of blacks in the church was resolved once and for all by the church's landmark 1978 decision to open its priesthood to all worthy men regardless of their race or color.

For many blacks, however, the 1978 decision did not go far enough.

"What (the 1978 revelation) doesn't say is we're no longer of the lineage of Cain, that we no longer did these things in pre-existence."

It does not say we are not cursed with black skin," Jackson said.

Irvine, Calif., attorney Dennis Gladwell, who has been working with Mauss and Jackson, made a similar point in a paper presented in October 1996 to Elder Marlin K. Jensen, a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy who also sits on the public affairs committee.

"It is the linkage to Cain that so distresses Mormon African Americans today," Gladwell wrote. "It places their spiritual lineage in shambles, since they are alleged descendants of a man who has come to symbolize evil on the same level as Lucifer (the devil) himself."

Although church officials would not comment directly on what Hinckley and his two counselors, or the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, may have considered, they confirmed that discussion of the issue is moving forward.

William S. Evans, a public affairs committee staffer, confirmed that the committee members have discussed the matter. But he cautioned that only the church's highest authorities — not the committee — could make such a statement.

An opening for the church

could come as early as next week when Mauss delivers what is described as a major paper on the subject in Washington, DC.

Among those who have read the paper is Jan Shipps, professor emerita of history and religious studies at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis. She said the paper makes the point that the church's racist legacy developed only after the death of its founder and prophet, Joseph Smith.

"So the church itself could pull back from it as a matter of reinterpretation without having to lay itself open to the charge of changing doctrine," said Shipps.

In the past, Mormons as well as other churches believed that Africans were descendants of the biblical personages Cain and Ham, who, according to the Bible, displeased God and were cursed.

Hebrew Scripture says that Cain, the son of Adam and Eve, killed his brother, Abel. Ham was the second son of Noah, who built the Ark before the great flood recounted in the Bible. Ham broke a taboo by looking at his father's nude body after Noah passed out from drinking too

much wine.

Over time, the curses on Ham and Cain came to be associated with black skin and were used as a justification for slavery — and, in the case of the Mormon church, one rationale for denying its priesthood to blacks.

For that reason, the 1978 revelation admitting blacks to the priesthood shocked the Mormon world, and was widely celebrated as a new time and a new dispensation bringing blacks into full fellowship in the church.

Typical of the remarks at the time were those of the late Apostle Bruce R. McConkie, who earlier had been a staunch defender of keeping blacks out of the priesthood as the will of God.

"Forget everything that I have said, or what President Brigham Young or President George Q. Cannon or whosoever has said in days past that is contrary to the present revelation," McConkie said. "We spoke with a limited understanding, and without the light and knowledge that now has come into the world."

Despite such pronouncements, Mauss notes, pre-1978 statements continue to be circulated in conversations and classes at

the grass-roots level as well as reprinted in current authoritative books published by the church.

The early historical Mormon record is uneven, punctuated by contradictory statements and actions. For example, scholars note that a black man, Elijah Abel, was given the priesthood in the 1840s, and that the church's highest authority, the First Presidency, wrote in 1840 that "persons of all languages, and of every tongue, and of every color" would worship with other members in the temple.

But there is general agreement that after Smith's death, the church's views and practice changed under the leadership of Brigham Young.

As late as 1949, the church's First Presidency, the highest ruling authority that includes the president and prophet and two counselors, officially reaffirmed the ban on blacks in the priesthood by quoting Young as saying "that those who were 'cursed with a skin of blackness' were so marked because their fathers rejected the power of the holy priesthood and the law of God." (Los Angeles Times)

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By HELEN KAYE

Sunflowers, a Victorian mansion in Vermont, a passion for walking, skis and sunsets, imagination and an endless flow of recorded ideas – these are a few of the parts of which choreographer Moses Pendleton is the sum.

And it's no coincidence that he named his second dance company Momix, the name of a food supplement he fed to calves as a young Vermont farm boy.

"I'm actually more of a cowographer than a choreographer," he says from his Washington, Connecticut, home, explaining that he showed cows at county fairs and created happenings with them.

Back in the human dance world, Pendleton's first company was Pilobolus, which he founded with Jonathan Wolken at Dartmouth College in 1971. Momix came in 1984, the outgrowth of his touring duo of the same name after he separated from Pilobolus in 1980.

Both companies are coming to the Israel Festival. Pilobolus will perform an evening of repertory works in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv from June 3.

Momix is coming with *Baseball*, Pendleton's energy-charged romp on America's favorite sport, which opens for six performances at Gerard Behar in Jerusalem on Monday.

Pendleton isn't at all concerned that most Israeli audiences know about as much about baseball as they do about the British national sport, cricket.

"I've always been a rabid [Boston] Red Sox fan," he says. "I was brought up with baseball on radio. Baseball is a Momix show with the theme of baseball. That's why it works for audiences. Besides, baseball is an Olympic event these days, so people do know about it, and anyway, we take liberties."

That's true. The amazing Momix dancers – part human, part pretzel – take on baseball with the same

zest that characterizes all their shows. *Baseball*'s 17 irreverent, fast-paced scenes trace the development of the sport from a bunch of enterprising Neanderthals swinging stone clubs through to the present day with a beer-can ballet and oversize baseballs and catcher's mitts.

A Momix show, observes Pendleton, "uses the dynamics of MTV. It's fast moving, funny and surreal. The props we use are an extension of the body, like a third arm or an extra leg. It lets us create new patterns of motion and maybe emotions as well."

Pilobolus, he says, use their bodies as props. That's the main difference between the two companies. Pendleton says he hasn't choreographed for his former company for about seven years, but he keeps in touch through an occasional dinner with a Pilobolus friend.

Pendleton first came here with Pilobolus in 1973 a week before the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War. The company did a show for the Israeli Air Force in the Golan, dancing on solid rock, a feat which earned them an appreciative plaque from the squadron.

"We got on a plane for Rotterdam six hours before the war broke out," he says. "The next day we saw that about half the guys we'd been performing for had been killed in those first missions of the war."

That's when the man who'd been born Robert Pendleton took the name Moses, according to dance critic Giora Manor, who knows him well.

Growing up on the family farm "we'd play with and train the animals because there were no other kids to play with. At the shows I'd lead the cows in a zig-zag pattern or stamptede them toward the audience only to have them stop at the last minute. It would amaze the audience, but it was quite simple. Cows are very curious creatures. I'd put on a white hood and the

cows would follow me. Then at the last minute, I'd dive into a ditch, the cows would lose interest and go back to grazing," he explains.

"Working on a farm is a very physical situation," says Pendleton of the pre-Pilobolus years, "and the background of athletics and sports gave me a third wind. You must not be afraid to be tired when you work with the body."

"Cowography" had to compete with a passion for skiing. He clipped on his first set of skis at age three and won the Vermont cross-country ski championship in his teens. Visions of becoming an Olympic downhill skier ended when he broke his leg. Rehabilitation included dance classes, "but I think I got into dancing because I got writer's cramp," he jokes.

He was an English major at Dartmouth but he never finished his thesis, leaving a box full of nutshells in its place because "my thesis was contained under so many nutshells."

Instead he and Wolken, inspired by such as Alwin Nikolais and Murray Lewis, began to create the sinuous and athletic choreographies for Pilobolus that inspired praise from influential dance critic Anna Kisselgoff, won first prize at the 1973 Edinburgh Festival and the Berlin Critics Prize in 1975.

In 1979 Pendleton undertook his first independent assignment, choreographing and performing in *Integrale* Eric Satie for the Paris Opera Ballet. A year later he choreographed the closing ceremonies of the Winter Olympics at Lake Placid, with Pilobolus as part of the presentation.

The world became and remains his stage. He has almost made a specialty of opera. One of his signature works is *Tutuguri*, a work based on the writings of Antonin Artaud, which received its premiere at the Deutsches Oper in Berlin in 1982 and has been

revived several times since.

Working with opera "is just a different animal to observe," he says. "All have something they can do. I try to understand those abilities and integrate them into whatever dramatic presentation I'm involved in."

Tutuguri has half-human, half-animal characters, and sunflowers are integral to the set. He has a commission with the Arizona Ballet to create a work based on a Hopi sunflower myth, and this August Italian TV will show a work starring sunflowers and dancers created in Pendleton's famous sunflower-shaped sunflower meadow at his Connecticut home. A troupe of Romanian gymnasts will also come to the sunflowers this summer to make *In Movimento*, a work about hair commissioned by Procter & Gamble.

"Humans need a certain amount of sunlight," he has said. "We're solar powered. I take in the energy from the afternoon sunsets...like a solar cell that gets charged."

This often happens on the porch that curves around the Victorian home he shares with dancer Cynthia Quinn and their daughter, Quinn Elizabeth. He was in rural Washington looking at an old carriage barn as the site for a future studio when he came upon the house. Every May he plants the sixteen-sided sunflower meadow which is part haven, part workshop, part source of inspiration.

Pendleton likes to involve his artists in creating whatever piece he's making, saying, "I don't have a vocabulary I instill. I try to find out what they have and work with it, like a sculptor freeing a form from the stone."

"He's an inspiration to have around in any context," former Momix dancer, choreographer Rebecca Stern, has said. "Mo figures out what makes each person tick and then asks them to bring that quality to the forefront."



A portrait of Jerusalem's legendary former mayor, Teddy Kollek

(Brian Hendler)

Teddy Kollek – A love story

By BARRY DAVIS

The epithet "a legend in his own time" is an oft-used, oft-abused phrase bandied about with nonchalant abandon in respect to practically anyone who has chalked up anything of note – particularly if those deeds are accompanied by a generous amount of media exposure. But few would debate the usage of the grand appellation in the context of Mr. Jerusalem himself, Teddy Kollek.

Channel 8's profile of Kollek on Saturday night at 9 p.m. is, in itself, a love story.

Lovingly shot and edited by Benaya Bin-Nun and featuring an impressive cast of interviewees, including Kollek's son and daughter, Amos and Osnat, it tells the tale of a charismatic leader and pragmatist.

It would be easier to draw up a list of things Teddy has not managed to bring off in almost nine decades of non-stop achievement.

As the program shows, his Zionist ideals took root in his native Vienna, where he preferred to hunchlike to gatherings of the movement's leadership rather than bury his busy head in his school books.

When he eventually arrived in this part of the world, he launched himself, physically and ideologically, into helping to build Kibbutz Ein Gev on the banks of the Kinneret, alongside his wife of over 60 years, Tamar.

Archive footage of Kollek in those days always seems to feature his smiling bonhomie, larg-

er-than-life presence at the center of the action, be it putting up the first houses of a kibbutz or enjoying a game of soccer.

Most people have always thought of Kollek as the man behind the building of modern-day Jerusalem, the man who, naturally enough, was on hand when the Holy City was unified after the Six-Day War.

We are told that he was not overly enthused with the idea of becoming mayor but only consented to run for office at the behest of his mentor, David Ben-Gurion. "When the prime minister asks, I have always believed one should obey," says Kollek.

But he had already led a checkered career in wheeling and dealing for the good of the fledgling state, and the Jews, long before entering the carpeted corridors of power in Jerusalem.

Just one year after his arrival in the Middle East, Teddy was dispatched to England to prepare Jewish youth for aliyah. But he soon found himself helping to save the lives of Jews in Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia from the clutches of the Nazis, even meeting with Adolf Eichmann in Vienna and convincing him to free thousands of Jewish children from concentration camps.

After World War II, Ben-Gurion asked Teddy to go to New York to help drum up diplomatic support for the founding of the State. In 1947, on the eve of the historic UN vote on the partition of Palestine between the Jews and the Arabs, we are told that wily Teddy even recruited the help of a hairdresser, whose

clientele included a number of ambassadors to the UN, and asked him to persuade his clients to vote for Israel while wielding a pair of scissors over their diplomatic crown.

His work abroad done, Teddy returned home and served as Ben-Gurion's right-hand man in the Prime Minister's Office before moving into the mayoral suite in Jerusalem.

But, despite his noted diplomatic skills, Teddy is a forthright man not afraid of speaking his mind in the most basic of language. His mayoral deputy of many years, Meir Benbenisti, tells us that Teddy's approach to the Arabs of East Jerusalem was akin to that of "a British colonial governor."

"He gave to them as a patron gives to his subjects but expected them to respond in kind." But, Benbenisti adds, Kollek has always been the supreme optimist. "People feel that, as long as Teddy's around, there's hope," he says.

Teddy Kollek is a charmer, a charismatic and temperamental man, and not one to mince his words. A man who, one snowy day in Jerusalem, rushed home to hurriedly dry his socks and boots in a toaster and a frying pan, respectively, so that he could venture out into the cold again to make sure another neighborhood in his beloved city had bread and milk.

At the age of 89, ensconced in his office at the Jerusalem Foundation, Teddy continues to work tirelessly for the good of the city which became his home and his life's work.

Laughing with tears in your eyes

By JOCELYN NOVECK

Making a movie about the Holocaust is delicate enough. Making one that is humorous, too? Some would call that crazy. Yet Italian comic star Roberto Benigni has attempted it, and his tale of a man trying wildly and creatively to shield his son from concentration camp horrors is the first unqualified hit at Cannes this year.

At its official premiere Sunday night, the film was hailed with a ten-minute standing ovation and shouts of "Bravo!" from the audience.

Many Holocaust films try to present the century's darkest moment in its full scope, to show the enormity of the event. It's easy to fall in

this venture, and Benigni doesn't even try.

Instead, *Life Is Beautiful* is simply about one man, one woman and one child. There are concentration camp scenes and references to gas chambers. But there are no big signs in German, barely a Nazi flag, hardly a swastika. "We assume people already know about those things," says Benigni, who co-wrote, directed and starred in the film. Reverted in Italy for his highly physical comedy, Benigni is best known abroad for manic performances in Jim Jarmusch's *Down by Law* and *Night on Earth*. He's been called Italy's Chaplin, but there's some Woody Allen there, too.

In the movie's funniest scene, Guido (Benigni) pretends he speaks German when

the Nazi guard asks for a translator to tell prisoners the camp rules. Each time the guard shouts out a rule, Guido comes up with his own hilarious translation, again shielding the boy from the Nazi cruelty.

As the horror grows, Guido's attempts to save his son become more desperate. The ending is not completely happy but definitely not completely sad, either.

Benigni says he knew he was taking risks in making the film, but "I was obsessed, in love with this idea. I was scared, but you're always scared when you're in love."

Life Is Beautiful has been a hit in Italy, where it has been playing since December. Miramax plans to distribute it in the United States. (AP)

Captivating Canadian violinists

Two of the more intriguing violinists of our age, young Canadian women, have come up with discs that if not wholeheartedly captivating are certainly engaging.

Chantal Juillet, who has made a name for herself as a performer of 20th-century music, has recorded delectable French music with the Montreal Symphony and Charles Dutoit (*Reverie et Caprice Violin Romances*, Decca 458 143-2). This is a very soothing, accompaniment and delightful disc featuring music by Ravel, Fauré, Lalo, Berlioz, Chausson and Ysaie – not always the most obvious choice from the repertoire of these

composers.

The music flows naturally from Juillet's violin, which she plays with a charm, finesse and ease that engages you from beginning to end. There are no musical masterpieces here, yet Juillet manages to present each short opus as if it were a masterpiece. The combination of Juillet's warmhearted violin playing and her poised playing with this melodic flow of French charm is winning. This disc brings us a match of beautiful music not often performed with even more beautiful

music-making.

Leila Josefowicz is a younger violinist who tried to emerge as a poised young violinist whose major interest is the making music.

The cover of her new CD, *For the End of Time* (Philips 456 571-2), definitely suggests a new image. Josefowicz has always been a very intriguing violinist even if not yet a totally mature one in her overall playing.

Here she has a rather strange combination of violin sonatas ranging from Messiaen and

Barok to Grieg and De Falla.

For originality of programming she gets full marks, and for the committed and at times inspired delivery, she also should be commended. Instead of opting for something to soothe the listeners, as does Juillet, Josefowicz goes to challenge. She is at her best in the gutsy De Falla and in the melodic Grieg, yet she still has to master the more contemporary pieces to perfection.

But the disc on the whole suggests that here is a violinist on the right way to challenging the conventional repertoire and maybe even the conventional look one is used to associating with her.

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Knesset avarice

Former Soviet premier Nikita Khrushchev once said, "Politicians are the same all over — they promise to build bridges, even where there are no rivers." We can all laugh at what politicians will do to get elected, and wink as they steer government funds to their own constituencies. But the cynicism of politics goes too far when Knesset members use their power for direct personal interest, even if they do so by legal means.

Less than two years ago, MKs unanimously voted themselves a 33 percent pay raise, in exchange for cutting their pensions and prohibiting outside employment. The law, which was based upon the recommendations of a committee headed by the late Prof. Ariel Rosen-Zvi, was supposed to end the practice of MKs who spent much time on outside activities. The legislation also prohibited MKs from serving as mayors and other elected positions. MKs who were already mayors when the legislation passed, such as Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert (Likud) and Omer Mayor Pini Badash (Tsimet), were allowed to remain in both posts until the next elections.

With municipal elections approaching, mayor and MK Badash and others are pushing to change the law back so they can serve in both posts. The mayor/MKs argue that the new law, by forcing a choice between offices, reduces their contact with and ability to serve the public. Despite the inability of such politicians to contain their desire to serve, the attempt to combine local and national office seems more in the politicians' interest than the public's.

In the United States and Britain, it would be unthinkable for a mayor to simultaneously serve in Congress or Parliament — no politician would dare approach the voters with such a proposition. Even in Israel, Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo kept a campaign promise to drop his Knesset seat if elected, knowing that the voters expect the occupant of city hall to devote a full-time effort to the task. Even if voters do not like what their representatives are doing, they have a right to expect that at least their loyalties are not diluted by combining local and national office. The mayor/MKs who argue otherwise at least have a semblance of public-spirited reasoning to make their case.

Those who are seeking to unravel another part of the pay-raise deal — the reduction in pensions — do not even have a flimsy leg to stand on. Under the new law, the pension for MKs was reduced from 4 percent per year of

service to 2 percent — the amount more common in labor agreements. Using the 2 percent system, it takes an employee 35 years to reach the maximum pension of 70 percent of salary upon retirement. According to the old law an MK, by contrast, would reach the same level in half the time, and would not have to wait until age 65 for the payments to begin, like most employees.

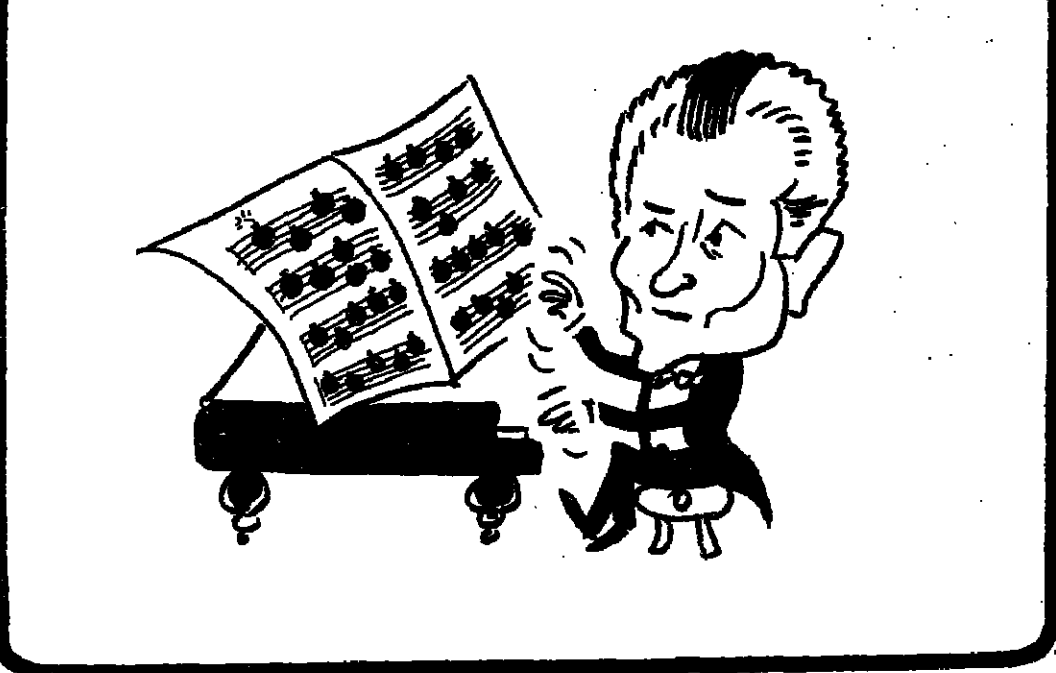
As is usual in such shenanigans, no MK will admit to backing the proposal to restore the old exorbitant pension plan — while keeping the pay increase as well. MK Ra'anana Cohen, who reportedly supports the increase, denies involvement. Pay increases, like defeats, are orphans.

But just as the proposals for a sweeping jubilee amnesty for criminals began anonymously and eventually found willing advocates, Knesset avarice could overcome fear of public wrath. It is at times like this when the lack of a more direct accountability between the Knesset and the public is most sorely felt. Though debate is growing over whether to overturn the law establishing the direct election of the prime minister, what is missing is a push for the direct election of Knesset members. Advocates of the direct election law originally envisioned that it would include such a provision, which would tie MKs more closely to the people, for better or for worse.

Direct election of at least some MKs would make them more susceptible to populist pressures, but sometimes that is exactly what is necessary. Without direct elections to the Knesset, no one has a single representative they can call "their" MK, to whom they can appeal when facing the vast maze of bureaucracy and the whims of government policy. Even when parliamentarians are directly elected, such as in the US Congress, politicians can find ways to feather their own nests. But it is hard to get around the conflict of interest inherent in legislators deciding their own salaries, as part of their responsibility for the budget in general.

Members of Congress are called "Representatives" for a reason — they are beholden to a geographically defined group of voters, rather than the more amorphous group of voters of a particular party. This tighter link between voter and politician may result in more bridges over non-existent rivers, but it makes it harder to take self-interested decisions that are wildly unpopular, and amount to a legal form of corruption.

MISHA ROYENBERG



Keys of no confidence

MOSHE ZAK

Palestinians. The violent *al-Nakba* demonstrations perpetuates the animosity and requires us to look for more "safety belts" in case the future doesn't follow the lines of the awaited peace, but carries on in the spirit of statements made during "Catastrophe Day."

THE keys carried by the Palestinian marchers in the *Nakba* demonstra-

The 'Nakba' demonstrations create suspicion as to Palestinian intentions

tions cannot be seen by Israelis as confidence-building measures. They were meant to symbolize the Palestinian demand to return to the homes we seized in 1948, when the Arab forces were defeated.

But the residents of Jerusalem's Katamon area and Jaffa's Abu Kabir, and the Jews of Lod and Ramle don't have anything to worry about. The key-holders won't come back, just as no one imagines that the buildings of Tel Aviv University will be pulled down so we can return the land to the Arabs of Sheikh Munis. It isn't going to happen.

What is happening is that the Palestinians are fostering in the "post-Oslo" generation the will to return to the situation before May 15, 1948. They are sowing the seeds of the next violent struggle.

Israel's demand for a radical change in the Palestinian covenant as a condition of further IDF withdrawals is no mere caprice. It is an essential demand for the uprooting of the revanchist foundations of Palestinian society, that still dream of turning the clock back to the time when they were the majority.

At the time of writing, the content of the "memo of understanding" between Israel and the US,

intended to ease agreement on a 13% withdrawal, is still unclear. This is not a new kind of solution. A similar memo of understanding was signed between Israel and the US in order to ensure Israel's participation in the 1973 Geneva conference. A memo of understanding between Israel and the US was attached to the Sinai agreement in 1975, and was signed by the foreign ministers of Israel and the US on the same day as the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt.

These different memos were all intended to strengthen Israel's political position and increase its security, so that it would assume greater risks. Their full details will become known only in the future, but they can't give a final answer to our hesitations.

For example, if we agree to a 13% withdrawal, with or without a third stage, the question remains where to make the withdrawal. In the Judean desert, which is almost unpopulated but has strategic importance in terms of the connection to the Jordan valley, or in Samaria, with its dense Palestinian population?

A massive withdrawal in Samaria will bring Palestinian rule to the boundary fences of some settlements and to the gates of Israeli early warning stations. It will be a challenging task for the IDF and will make life harder for the settlers. Most serious of all, it contains the fuse of a crisis leading to the next explosion.

The proposal of leaving 4% out of the 13% in American hands, which theoretically will ensure the security of the isolated settlements in Judea and Samaria, has also not been thought through. If agreed, it will require American soldiers to be stationed in Judea and Samaria. No one has examined the far-reaching implications of this new trend.

It is the question of percentages that has attracted world attention. It is still not the most important question in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. It can do nothing to further peace. Peace cannot be achieved by no-confidence building measures.

India, Israel

WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR.

Alexander Chancellor, the British journalist, has collected for Slate Enterprises, journalistic reaction to recent events. The French press was "indecently jubilant" in its response to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's rebuff to President Clinton in the Middle East negotiations. Here is some of the festoonery of that jubilation.

From the liberal *Liberation*, front page: The word "humiliates" appears in red. The headline on page 2 was: "Netanyahu: The offense done to Bill Clinton."

The (relatively) conservative Paris paper *Le Figaro* headlined, "Netanyahu defies Clinton." Its editorial was titled, "American powerlessness."

It spoke of the difficulty of quarreling with Israel a mere six months before a national election, but spoke also of another factor:

"Politically weakened by the interminable escapades, Bill Clinton cannot permit himself to open a new front," it wrote. One wonders if the editorial writer pondered whether that sentence should read, "Politically weakened by the inquiry into his interminable escapades, Bill Clinton cannot permit himself to open a new front."

People still insist that Flowers-Jones-Lewinsky-Willey et al have no bearing on the performance of the president's duties.

And of course that was also the week in which India tested its nuclear capacities. Clinton spoke out immediately. This time around, he has the advantage in threatening sanctions: Some of these are specified under the law. Granted, that was also the case in the matter of human rights in China.

Clinton — remember? — chastised president Bush for being too sleepy on the matter of human rights and promised that he would invoke sanctions if the relevant State Department committee reported no progress during the preceding year.

The committee reported no progress in 1992-93, but Clinton waived sanctions. As he did the following year, and the year after that — and eventually opinion consolidated on the proposition that

Look who's making short out there of the failure of US foreign policy

to suspend trade with China in fact wouldn't much help the cause of human rights there.

Now the president is being counseled on the matter of the effect of these proposed sanctions on India.

WE don't give any economic aid to India that amounts to anything (unlike Israel, which heavily relies on such aid). But the law lists other sanctions, including a freeze on any bank loan to the Indian government. Such a freeze, if heavily enforced, could cause problems, forecasters say. But what can't happen is any retroactive nuclear untesting.

It isn't as if India had seized a hostage and, after contemplating threatened sanctions, gave up the hostage. India has made its point, and China and Pakistan heard the explosion very distinctly.

New Delhi came on then with pacific noises, to the effect that it had no intention of building nuclear weapons. And there is even a whisper that India might proceed to sign the non-proliferation treaty.

The point is of course that India has acted out its defiance and, by the way, the new government is deliciously received by the Indian people.

They tend to do that kind of thing.

Now Netanyahu by no means represents all the people of Israel — far from it. The country is deeply divided. The Jewish-Israeli journalist Arrigo Levi, whose opinions carry weight, thoroughly explored the Israeli scene and concluded in the *Slate* survey that "the loss of all hope by Arafat and the Palestinians could lead to a new 'catastrophic' war in which biological and chemical weapons might be used."

So Clinton's stand against Netanyahu cannot be said to be a stand "against" Israel.

In India, the people are exultant because of a display of technological prowess; but they also take that pleasure (which is near universal) of thumbing one's nose at the superpower.

The future of Israel can be said to be in US hands, but the government of Israel is not America's to decide. Yet the policies of that government should reflect common objectives.

The strategic balance of power in Asia isn't ours to decide, but a superpower should be able to draw strategic satisfactions from the brawn that tempts so many to arrogant exhibitions of independence. It matters a great deal that they are making sport out there of the failure of US foreign policy.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NO DISCRIMINATION

Sir, — Justin Danilewitz last month launched an attack on our newspaper, "Jewish student accuses Harvard newspaper of bias" (April 19), claiming that he was not selected to be editorial chair because he was not the kind of Jew the *Crimson* was looking for — namely, one willing to turn his back on other Jews.

He claims that we are, however, and that while in office we have instituted a "new policy" at the *Crimson*, "a program designed to promote the most superficial kind of diversity — the diversity of skin color." He alleges that this policy cost him a position as columnist.

Danilewitz is dealing in fictions. No such antisemitic policy or program exists at the *Crimson*, nor have we ever wished for one. In selecting among the 43 applicants for the position of bi-weekly columnist, we sought responsible students whose work would engage our diverse readership and challenge them to consider new ideas and new perspectives.

There were simply more qualified candidates than Mr. Danilewitz — including the co-chair of Harvard Students for Israel and another active member of Harvard-Radcliffe Hillel. We did not employ quotas in our selection of columnists, and we did not reject anyone because of his or her race, religion or gender.

In fact, we increased the total number of columnists from 10 to 17, with the number of Jewish columnists rising from eight to 10 this semester. Moreover, despite

Danilewitz's absence, 80 percent of current *Crimson* editorial board executives are Jewish — no fewer than last year.

It is true, as Danilewitz points out, that we dismissed one conservative Jewish columnist. But this student's dismissal had nothing to do with either his religion or his political views; he was let go because, having written for two years, he was no longer offering our readers a fresh perspective.

On one point, Danilewitz is correct. Both of us have a strong commitment to diversifying the *Crimson's* editorial page. As Danilewitz noted, we pointed in our position papers to the fact that 80 percent of the columnists last year were Jewish as evidence that the *Crimson's* editorial page did not adequately reflect the diversity of opinion on campus. But Danilewitz fails to mention that we also pointed to the fact that the number of columnists who were female, non-white or science majors was too low.

Our interest is not in excluding anyone, but in including as many different perspectives as we can. We disagree with Mr. Danilewitz's assumption that this effort makes us bad Jews. In fact, we believe Judaism is commensurate with the values of inclusion, expression and understanding which we hold dear.

DANIEL M. SULEIMAN,
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SNIPING AT SHINUI

Sir, — Sarah Honig's report of Ronni Milo's search for suitable partners "Milo woos Meritor" (May 6), concludes with a paragraph sniping at Avraham Poraz MK and Shinui.

In Shinui, the overwhelming majority refused to "consummate the marriage" with Meretz (I know — I was one of the majority who made the decision in Shinui's National Council) and it was the minority, unfortunately headed by Amnon Rubinstein, which decided to see it through. They did so as individuals, not as the Shinui party.

I've checked several dictionaries, and they all describe the splinter as being the small piece that breaks off the main body — not the other way round.

Shinui is alive and well and working hard to recover from the traumatic experience we endured during our "engagement" with Meretz when we were labeled as extremist and leftist.

It is also true that we need other allies in the center, so it was natural that the Shinui chairman, Avraham Poraz, had a meeting with Ronni Milo. We have a lot of centrist ideas in common and these were clarified in an atmosphere of equality and cooperation — not begging or subservience.

From the literary viewpoint, Sarah Honig's final paragraph topped off her article nicely, but from the viewpoint of accurate journalism, it leaves a lot to be desired.

CHANA STERNE

Jerusalem.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

50 years ago: On May 20, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported in detail how the battle-hardened Palmach soldiers stormed the Zion Gate, bringing food and reinforcements to the hard-pressed 1,500 residents of the Jewish Quarter. Hadassah Hospital, Mount Scopus was under heavy shelling from Arab Legion guns,

although the Red Shield flag flew over the building.

At the UN, Great Britain tried to water down the US cease-fire call. In London, Mr. Ernest Bevin complained that the recognition of Israel by US and Russia was an unprecedented blunder in diplomatic history and that Britain would not recognize the new state unless it had

clearly defined borders.

25 years ago: On May 20, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported the death of Abraham Shlonsky, one of the most cherished Israeli poets. Known as a brilliant rebel of Hebrew literature and Israeli prize laureate for 1967.

Alexander Zvielli

4/20/1998

Sex therapy – almost like a trip to the dentist

The last 15 years have seen important changes in the way Israelis experiencing sexual difficulties seek help. But the biggest change, Allison Kaplan Sommer finds out, has been the elimination of the stigma

In Israel, some sex counselors discreetly call themselves "family therapists." Others, like Yissachar Rotary, proudly display the title "Sexologist" on their door.

"When people meet me at a party or on the street and ask me what I do, and I tell them I am a sexologist, they look at me as if I were some kind of magician. But what I do is not magic," Rotary says. "I'm more like a technician. I teach people very simple techniques."

In Rotary's view, the key to any successful relationship is "the patience and ability to cope with areas in which you are incompatible. If you have that, you have everything." For someone who calls himself a "sexologist," Rotary's view of love is surprisingly traditional and non-racy.

"People so often get married for the unimportant reasons. If a young couple come in and tell me they are getting married because they are attracted to each other, I worry."

"Not that I have anything against it – but it's not enough. A couple have to be able to create intimacy, communication and friendship. Otherwise it all falls apart, including the sex."

Rotary has two art posters hanging on either side of his desk in the office where he counsels couples struggling with issues of sex and love. To the left is a work by the surrealist Salvador Dalí: A naked woman lies prostrate, suspended in space, as two ravenous tigers with bared teeth prepare to pounce.

On the right is a classic work by Chagall. In it, a man tenderly and protectively enfolds a woman in his arms.

Rotary uses these two pictures of passion and intimacy to illustrate the duality of man-woman relationships and their difficulties.

In his view, couples counseling is a chicken-and-egg situation, since problems with relationships cause difficulties in sex, while a problematic sex life – the loss of desire or the physical inability of one of the partners, male or female, to engage in healthy rela-

tions – takes a toll on their emotional relationship. The question is where to begin.

Rotary, a former teacher, freely admits that his personal life experiences helped draw him to the profession.

When he was first married, he notes, Israelis in troubled marriages like his rarely delved into their difficulties. Seeking therapy carried a social stigma, and counseling that focused on sex lives was simply unavailable.

Generally couples either suffered in unhappy relationships, maintained affairs on the side, or got divorced.

Rotary himself divorced 25 years ago. He is convinced that "if I had known back then what I know now, I would still be married to my first wife."

"Clients would sneak in the back door, dressed so people wouldn't recognize them. Now I get recommendations, like a good restaurant"

sexologist Ruti Hochner

The turning point in sex therapy here came in 1973, when Dr. Ami Shaked, fresh from studies in the US, opened Israel's first sex clinic at Tel Hashomer Hospital and began openly to explore sexual problems for the first time.

Ruti Hochner, a Herzliya sexologist who holds a masters in Human Sexuality and Family Education from New York University and apprenticed with Shaked at Tel Hashomer hospital, recalls the opening of the clinic. "It was like admitting that sex existed for the first time."

Over the past 15 years, during

which she has been assisting couples in preserving their relationships, Hochner has observed several changes.

"First of all, the age people are coming in to see me is getting younger and younger. Once, nearly all the people who walked in the door came after the wounds were all inflicted. They came when the marriage was bad, usually in crisis. Now I'd say a third to half are younger, coming earlier in the relationship, even before marriage, when there are just the first signs of problems. They want to see if they can work them out. If they cannot, they may decide not to get married."

"Once," Hochner continues, "people came if they weren't able to have proper standard sex; now they come to improve sex, to make it more satisfying. Once, more women came to me; now men are coming. But I would say that the biggest change over the years has been the elimination of the stigma."

"Clients used to be very ashamed to be coming to me. They would sneak in the back door, dressed so people wouldn't recognize them. Now it's all out in the open. People send their friends to me. I get recommendations," she smiles, "like a good dentist, or a good restaurant." Hochner admits, however, to an occasional moment of discomfort when she tells new acquaintances what she does for a living.

"People still have the feeling that if you are a sex therapist you can see through them – that somehow I can meet them and immediately know the size of their equipment, and what they do in bed."

ALL THE therapists interviewed – whether their formal background is in psychology, social work, or, whether, like Rotary, they are self-trained – agreed that sexual and emotional issues are inextricably intertwined.

A spouse whose partner is not interested in sex often feels unloved, while a spouse who is continuously angry over his or her mate's behavior in other areas of life often finds it difficult to muster any sexual feeling.

Michael Yarosky holds a masters degree in clinical social work and has been a therapist since 1966. He moved his practice from Canada to Israel in 1983. Yarosky feels so strongly about this intertwining of sex and emotion that he rejects the title "sexologist."

"I associate the term with a school of thought in which it is possible to do sex therapy without doing relationship therapy. This in my view is mechanical, robotic, and can be counterproductive if not downright destructive," he says.

"If, for example, a man is having trouble getting an erection, more often than not it is a sign of something very healthy: his sexual organs are sending a message that there are problems in the relationship."

However, Yarosky doesn't completely shun medical solutions. He believes that the new, much-hyped pill Viagra "will be a real blessing for the right people. But my suspicion is that it will soon become clear that this pill cannot fix bad relationships."

Yarosky dismisses the long-term effectiveness of the clinics that advertise extensively in the media promising immediate relief to men suffering from impotence and relying mostly on injection therapy.

"Personally, I wouldn't like a needle stuck into my penis in order to achieve a half-hour erection, and I don't think it is worth it," he says.

He agrees with Hochner that "Israelis are significantly more ready to present themselves for relationship therapy."

"Every day I feel that there is less of a stigma. This has a lot to do with the Westernization of Israel, but also with increased affluence. I would say family therapy, sex issues, personal issues tend to be discussed with people from a middle-class background."

"I find that the defining characteristic of someone who seeks this kind of help is economic, not ethnic. One would think that Western Europeans and 'Anglo-Saxons' would be most willing to discuss their problems – but I'm finding that when people achieve a certain economic status, they are ready for these concepts, whether they are Ashkenazi or Sephardi."

CHOOSING a therapist is a delicate business. The therapists interviewed all feel that the best way is through personal referrals, but for those who have no personal recommendation to follow up, the Israeli Association of Sex Therapists and Certified Family Therapists will help. Some, like Yarosky, specialize in a particular



When intimacy, communication and friendship are lacking, "it all falls apart, including the sex."

(David Braun)

area; he focuses on intercultural relationships, and counsels many Israelis married to foreigners.

Many therapists say that, too shy to seek referrals, their clients simply find them through the telephone directory.

Rotary says he has had several clients from the Orthodox and even haredi sectors, most of whom found their way to his door via the Yellow Pages.

"The extremely Orthodox marry so young and know so little about sex when they marry," he says. "When they run into difficulties they have nowhere in their community to turn, so they seek outside help."

In today's era of openness, many therapists are almost celebrities, authoring advice columns in popular magazines, working the lecture circuit and appearing regularly on television to supplement and enhance their counseling business.

Rotary, who is something of a showman by nature, has developed a unique presentation together with his live-in partner, singer Zehava Gutman, which combines information and entertainment.

In his show he preaches the various points of his philosophy: the difference between loving some-

one (selfless) and being in love (selfish), the Venus-Mars type differences between men and women – women are moodier and men more consistent; a man can be angry at his partner and still want sex, a woman often cannot get turned on without an emotional element; how angry men tend to become repressed emotionally, and angry women repressed sexually.

He offers tips on how to break down these boundaries. "I tell men that warm words can create warmth in their partner. If you speak and behave lovingly, you will get a response and feel more loving in turn."

But Rotary, like his colleagues, says he gets the most satisfaction from treating clients, helping them lead happier lives.

"The problems are not so varied," says Hochner. "How many positions are there in sex? Well, there are a limited number of problems as well. But sex is never just about sex," she notes. "It is about how you feel about man/woman relationships."

"For me, treating people is like trying to solve a puzzle. It is a journey you take with someone. You are never quite sure where it will lead you. That can never be boring."

Can I help you, sir...?

If it has taken decades for sex therapy to become respectable among the Israeli public, the use of sexual surrogates has still to become respectable among therapists themselves.

For the year-and-a-half she has been operating a clinic called Results in Bnei Brak, Malka Silverman has slowly built up her business on referrals from professionals who approve of the technique of having trained women therapists physically guide men who are suffering from sexual dysfunction.

"Sex surrogacy is not to be dismissed," says therapist Michael Yarosky, who refers clients to surrogates when necessary. "I think there is a lot of room for it – but it has to be done under careful supervision, with proven professional sources. Under these conditions, I would say it is helpful and beautiful."

Silverman is hopeful a growing number of therapists in Israel will develop this attitude; she currently works with nine psychologists and sexologists.

She got into the business after returning from gender studies in the US. "I was teaching and looking for something to do, and noticed an advertisement for a course in surrogate therapy. I took the course and immediately opened the center."

Silverman's surrogates work with men who have trouble achieving erections, or suffer from premature ejaculation. They also work with many virgins.

"Right now we have a client who is a virgin, with homosexual tendencies. Since he wants to get married and have children, he has come to us to experience sex with a woman for the first time."

Before a client actually meets with a surrogate, Silverman interviews him and provides him with informational materials. Sometimes, she says, simply walking in the door of her clinic and admitting that he has a sexual problem is the most significant step a client needs to take.

"Many people come and think they want a surrogate, but end up looking at our books or seeing films and decide that they can do certain exercises themselves, then with their partners – for example, to prevent premature ejaculation. They learn by themselves, and then go to their wives and girlfriends."

Silverman says misperceptions of surrogate therapy are frequent, adding that those who believe it is a high-class form of prostitution have it completely wrong.

"People don't realize that in the vast majority

of surrogacy cases no actual sexual intercourse occurs. Most of it is talking and touching, and helping very shy and inhibited people relax."

Sometimes Silverman ends up referring clients back to psychologists.

"We had a man who went bankrupt several years ago; after that his sexual functioning disappeared. It became clear that his problems were not rooted in sex; what he needed was psychotherapy." Silverman's clinic does not provide male surrogates for women or homosexual surrogates of either sex, but she is in the process of developing a class for women "to teach them to enjoy their sexuality."

Her biggest challenge is recruiting staff for a job that is often not socially acceptable.

"Finding workers is the hardest part. It is

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Yael, a sexual surrogate

very, very difficult," she says. "Part of the reason I am willing to be interviewed is that it sometimes brings me job applicants."

"Women have to understand that the job may have the image of prostitution, but that in reality it is more like being a nurse or a social worker. Luckily, once I find someone interested and willing, they usually turn out to be very good."

"My best surrogate is 50 years old. She's experienced, perceptive and smart." The cost of surrogacy sessions ranges between \$100-\$200.

Yael, 45, sees her work as a surrogate at Results as an extension of what she has been doing for the past decade in holistic treatment and massage. She has no formal training, but for the eight months she has worked at Silverman's clinic she has gotten extensive instruction from Silverman herself.

"There is no way I would do something like this only for the money," she said. "I truly

love to help people; it's like a disease. And I really feel I am helping these men."

Most of them, she says, are "extremely nervous" when they come to see her in her apartment.

She always begins by talking to them at length, before any physical contact is made.

"I always sit and talk first. A man came to see me last week, and I felt our session was a real success. We spoke, then I suggested giving him a massage. We did some breathing exercises and some 'guided imagination' exercises – talking about fantasies, mine and his."

And this man – who hasn't been able to have sex for a very long time – was able to extricate himself from his present reality and perform. He was in shock – and very happy."

Not all sessions are so successful, however. "My biggest disappointments are with clients who simply don't have the patience. They think I can wave a magic wand and, presto, they will have the urge to have sex."

"It takes time, and it takes work. They have to do their homework. I give them lots of suggestions to help them revive and renew their relationships with their partners. A lot of the time they are simply bored, and don't have enough imagination to get out of the rut."

Yael is "extremely discreet" about her work as a surrogate; Even the name she used for this interview is a pseudonym.

"I am divorced, I live alone, and I don't tell anybody about this work – not friends, not family. I feel that what I do is a sacred trust between myself and my clients; they are looking for the maximum amount of anonymity, which I feel I should give them."

Yael says she has never felt threatened by any of her clients. "The dynamic is not one in which they walk in my door and expect to jump into bed with me and have sex. I control the process and decide how far things need to go."

"Maybe I have more luck than sense, but there have never been any problems with clients. Malka interviews and screens them extensively before they come here, and I have a lot of faith in her."

Yael plans to continue with her surrogate work in addition to her other work in holistic treatment and massage.

"I love my work," she says, "all aspects of it. I have been treating people for 10 years, and every day feels like the first."

"I know myself: there is no way I could be a clerk in a bank, working from nine to five."

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'I hear what you're saying'

By MARY JO KOCHAKIAN

Anyone who has ever been in couples therapy has had to struggle to relearn the basics of speech. Or should have.

There are pillars of faith in therapy. Among them are teaching the techniques of "I statements" and "active listening."

Let's consider the "I statement." Clients learn how to express dissatisfaction in neutral terms, sentences starting with "I," rather than condemnatory tirades starting with "you."

Correct: "I'm very upset that you sent Donny to school in Daria's clothes."

Incorrect: "You're such an idiot. What a pathetic father you are! You can't even figure out that if it's a pink shirt with dots on it, it's going to make Donny a walking target for those pre-K boys."

Correct: "I get upset when I see you eating an entire cheese-cake. I'm afraid it's going to affect our sex life."

Incorrect: "Like what do I have to look forward to? Sleeping next to 300 pounds of lard?"

This is obviously a valuable tool. No problem there, if you can actually pull it off in the heat of the moment.

Recent research by psychologist John Gottman, though, questions "active listening."

The technique, a staple of therapy, works like this: A couple has a problem. Spouse No. 1 says her piece. Spouse No. 2 listens. Spouse No. 2 then paraphrases: "So you feel that I'm really not setting back a good example for the kids when I consume a 12-pack." Spouse No. 1 says yea or nay, and then it's Spouse No. 2's turn to talk.

Gottman, professor of psychology at the University of Washington, is lead author of the article in the *Journal of Marriage and the Family*.

Researchers studied 130 newlywed couples, followed for six years, to see what kind of interactions predict divorce or stability, and being happily or unhappily married. (Gottman has a high-married laboratory, the subjects were tech laboratory, the subjects were videotaped by two cameras, and a split-screen image was created. Microphones recorded the couple's speech. A computer "synthesized physiological data with

video data," and more.)

The findings: The active listening taught in therapy "may be expecting a form of emotional gymnastics from people who, at that moment, in that relationship, are somewhat emotionally disabled by conflict. We found that even couples in stable, happy marriages do not do this active listening naturally."

Teaching it may be misguided. Rather, the research suggests, there are ways to defuse trouble that have everything to do with being a man, or with being a woman. The roles are different.

• The only newlywed men who wound up in happy and solid marriages were those who were "accepting of influence from their wives. Getting a husband to share power with his wife, by accepting some of the demands she makes," Gottman says, "is critical in helping to resolve conflict."

• As for women, it seems essential to "soften" the start of conflicts. "The way the interactions start may be critical in determining the couple's fate."

Because of physiology, men react more acutely than women to conflict, Gottman notes. Men are more likely to withdraw when trouble starts.

"Only women who are able to soften their start-up of conflict wind up in happy and stable marriages," the article says.

Which brings us to another finding: "the four horsemen of the apocalypse." Anger itself doesn't threaten a marriage. Rather, the four factors that predict divorce are criticism, defensiveness, contempt and "stonewalling" (withdrawal).

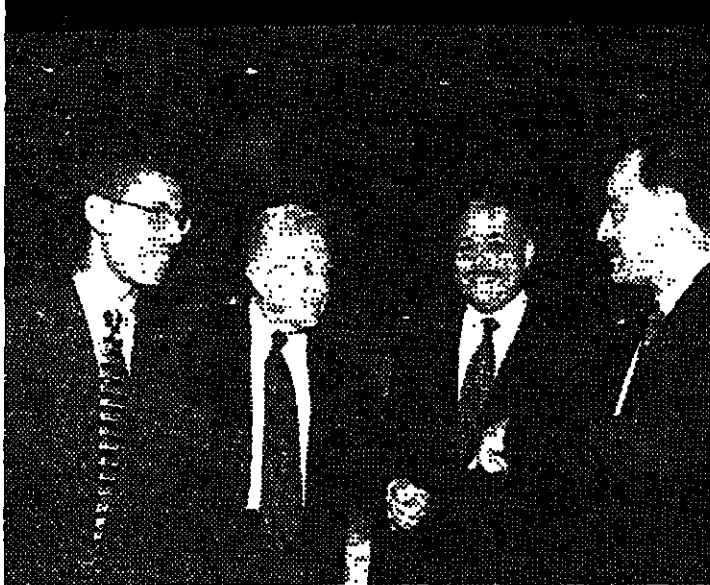
In this particular study, researchers predicted the newlywed couples' divorce or stability with 83 percent accuracy, according to what they found in the way couples reacted to conflict. Satisfaction in the marriage was predicted with 80 percent accuracy.

Gentleness, compassion and "physiological soothing" – cooling down – are reasons marriages succeed. (For more on this, see Gottman's *Why Marriages Succeed or Fail*.) Emphasizing those qualities may be more useful than teaching active listening, Gottman concludes.

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THE BUSINESS SCENE

By GREER FAY CASHMAN



Jordan's commercial attaché in Israel together with Jordanian businessmen attended last week's meeting of the Shengor College Board of Governors to finalize details for training courses the college will give to Jordanian textile workers. At the Board of Governors' gala dinner at the Tel Aviv Hilton hotel, the Jordanians met with President Ezer Weizman (second from left), who is pictured with (left to right) Jordan Export Development and Commercial Center Corporation representatives Rashed K. Ashbaleh and Farouk el Hadidi, and Mazman Khalaf, commercial counselor at the Jordanian Embassy.

An Jinglin, the president of the Chinese National Radio Services, accompanied by a trade delegation, will visit Israel next week.

Brig-Gen. Michael Dayan, the outgoing chief officer of the Armored Corps, who is retiring from the Israel Defense Forces, has been elected chairman of the 12th International Conference of the Israel Quality Association. The event is scheduled for the first week in December, 1998. Dayan, 48, holds a degree in mechanical engineering from the Technion and a master's degree in systems engineering from UCLA. He also has a master's degree in political science from Haifa University's Defense College.

Acting on the recommendations of a Technology 21 Report, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge will bring a 45-member trade mission to Israel at the end of this week. The objective of the mission is to further Pennsylvania's global competi-

tiveness by attracting foreign high-technology firms, and to create jobs. "Israel has the most Internet start-ups anywhere in the world, outside the Silicon Valley," said Ridge, adding that Pennsylvania can learn from Israel's experience, and benefit from its success.

Participants in the trade mission will include two Cabinet secretaries: Samiuel McCullough, secretary of the Department of Community and Economic Development, and Eugene Hickok, secretary of the Department of Education.

Prof. Yakir Plesner of the Hebrew University's Faculty of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Quality Sciences has won the first prize in a competition dealing with Israel's economy. The competition was sponsored by the San Francisco-based Koret Foundation. Plesner's paper "How can Israel achieve economic self-sufficiency?" was chosen over those submitted by numerous researchers at Israel's institutes for higher education. Another HU staffer, Dr. Eugene Kandel of the Jerusalem School of Business Administration, won third prize in the competition for his paper "Reforming the Social Protection System in Israel." Plesner won \$17,500 for himself and \$100,000 for the Hebrew University, where he has been a staff member since 1966.

Stephanie Gines, communications director of Lyon Mode City, was in Israel this week to drum up Israeli interest in the International Exhibition of Swimwear, Beachwear and Lingerie, which will take place in Lyon in September of this year.

Hanging in for the long term

How should recent events in Asia, from Indonesia's political strife to India's nuclear restlessness, impact Wall Street and the global marketplace?

By TOM PETRUINO

A few nuclear bombs can really ruin your day, or so that 1970s-era line used to go. Let's hope no one worried for even a minute last week that India's sudden appetite for destruction might have a dampening effect on overseas financial markets.

US Treasury bond yields just gyrated in their usual (of late) thin-as-a-toothpick range, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average went on to a new high by Wednesday, though it gave some modest ground by Friday.

In rare past, news of a significantly higher ante in the nuclear card game might have at least provoked a small emotional response on Wall Street. India with the bomb, however, admittedly is not the item that average Americans today would put first if forced to draw up a list of meaningful threats to their 401(k) accounts.

(Also, wouldn't India nuking Pakistan be akin to the United States nuking Canada? Wouldn't there be a slight problem with radioactive fallout coming over the border? Oh, never mind.) Neither, it seems, would East Asia's deepening woes make the list.

That region's economic collapse over the last year was supposed to wreak all sorts of havoc with the US economy. Sure, every American company with an earnings problem — or should we say, "earnings challenge" — in recent quarters has cited Asia, but the numbers that really count show the stock market near a record high and US unemployment at a 28-year low.

Suharto who? It is increasingly remarked that Americans have become entranced by the narcotic effect of a robust economy and soaring stock market since 1995, and that we are forgetting there's a large and often dangerous world out there to which we are connected as never before.

At a minimum, the near-anarchy in Indonesia — the world's fourth-most populous nation — and even more populous India's insistence on becoming a nuclear power are reminders of what can go wrong, in a decade in which so much has gone right — at least from the standpoint of an American capitalist.

But when worried Wall Streeters shake their heads at US stocks' heights, they may miss the point. Given all of the trends favoring financial assets in the 1990s, the stock market almost certainly deserves to be where it is, even with the average blue-chip stock priced at about 28 times current annual earnings (vs. just 15 times as recently as 1995).

The only question is whether those trends can be sustained. If they can't be, then it would be logical for investors to reassess the value of stocks — which, after all, are simply claims on some assumed level of future corporate success.

Consider: It wasn't so long ago that optimism about the US economy and stock



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market was partly rooted in an assumption of rising prosperity in the developing world, as countries such as Indonesia grew a large and stable middle class of consumers who would buy more from us.

Everybody wins! But if that prosperity now is in question, as it certainly is in East Asia, it would seem reasonable to question whether US stocks are worth ever-higher prices. If Indonesia's middle class has been set back five or 10 years, what replaces that formerly bullish element in US stocks' outlook?

Perhaps the American economy can stay on its current streak without outside assistance — as long as we all keep buying new homes and new cars in perpetuity. Perhaps a healthier, united Europe is the ticket.

Or maybe China is still the great hope. Just last week, Chinese President Jiang Zemin again lectured his countrymen on the need for job cuts now to raise productivity and ensure a richer future for China.

We must first solve the overstaffing problem that is haunting many state enterprises, and help them raise efficiency and competitiveness through laying off their redundant employees," Jiang said, sounding more like a Fortune 500 chief executive than a card-carrying Communist.

As long as there is still plenty of that

pro-capitalist talk to go around in this world, it's tough to blame American investors for believing that the long-term "fundamentals" support shoveling still more money into equities.

But let's be honest: Many investors, perhaps far too many, aren't thinking much about "fundamentals" at all today. Stocks (and certainly stock mutual funds) are being bought largely because the market has continued to rise dramatically since 1990.

Why would you not play a game that has been this much fun, and so rewarding? Why would you buy a bond yielding a 6 percent annual return when stocks might give you that return in one month?

It says something about the resiliency of the 1990s bull market that shares of a company such as Hewlett-Packard, which has repeatedly fallen short of analysts' earnings estimates over the last two years, still are up 40 percent in price since January 1997.

That isn't as peculiar as it might seem at first glance. Even if HP isn't hitting the numbers Wall Street wants to see, it still earned \$685 million in its quarter ended April 30. We're not talking about some Indonesian near-bankruptcy here. Fundamentally, HP is a great American

company with a bright future.

But when a stock such as Entremed Inc. soars from \$12 to \$85 in one day because the tiny biotech company might have an effective cancer treatment — "might" being the operative word — is that a run-up based on a solid assessment of the fundamentals, or is it simply a mania?

All investing, of course, is gambling on some level. But every generation of investors usually learns the hard way about the danger of getting so caught up in stock hype and euphoria about the future that basic rules about investing and markets are disregarded or forgotten.

Who knows what today's red-hot Internet-related stocks are truly worth? What we do know from history is that the eventual outcome usually isn't pleasant when investors pay the prices that stock manias demand.

BYRON WIEN, veteran strategist at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, noted in a recent essay that "the extreme volatility of the Internet stocks has some eerie parallels." "The mobile home stocks blew off in the early 1970s, oil service stocks in 1980, small-capitalization technology stocks in mid-1983, the whole market in August 1987 and biotechnology stocks in 1991."

"Buying a sector with little foreseeable earnings is a sign of overconfidence and a lack of careful analysis. Sector blowoffs are reasons to suspect trouble ahead."

Wien, while listing in his essay the 10 most commonly discussed arguments as to why the bull market could go on indefinitely (low inflation, low interest rates, aging baby boomers' saving more, etc.), then follows those with 10 arguments as to why this bull run is looking dangerously overwrought (crazy merger activity, money supply soaring, stocks overvalued by every measure, etc.).

But the title of his essay really says it all: "Only the old guys sell this market" — investors old enough to remember what has gone before, old enough to remember that stocks don't rise 30% a year forever, and old enough not to believe too fervently one's own "magic" as a stock picker.

Then again, maybe that is precisely who should be selling at this point — people too old to wait through a severe market downturn, if one ever arrives.

Younger investors, although they're likely to have more unqualified optimism about stocks today, also have the greatest ability to withstand a market plunge, sit through lower or even negative returns for a time, and wait for the fundamentals to make the market go again.

The argument that "if I sell, I'll never get back in at the right time" is still a legitimate reason for long-term investors to stick with a diversified portfolio of stocks today.

The problem is that the true test of most investors' ability to hang for the "long term" has yet to arrive. But it will.

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MUTUAL FUNDS

Fund's name	unit cost	redemption price	yield (%)	1998 (%)	NIS assets (millions)
FLEXIBLE					
Adia	234.93	234.23	+1.10	+3.34	19.8
Adia Flex	108.97	107.97	+2.32	+7.03	29.3
Adia Flex II	206.48	205.85	+1.78	+1.24	20.5
Adia Flex III	154.76	153.16	+2.53	+7.04	3.1
Adia Flex IV	102.38	101.38	+2.41	+8.55	0.8
Adia Flex V	785.22	775.93	+2.77	+7.37	71.0
Adia Flex VI	163.05	161.05	+2.89	+7.94	28.5
Adia Flex VII	113.07	111.07	+2.53	+7.04	3.1
Adia Flex VIII	202.29	201.29	+2.53	+7.04	3.1
Adia Flex IX	211.48	210.48	+2.53	+7.04	3.1
Adia Flex X	211.48	210.48	+2.53	+7.04	3.1
Adia Flex XI	211.48	210.48	+2.53	+7.04	3.1
Adia Flex XII	211.48	210.48	+2.53	+7.04	3.1
Adia Flex XIII	211.48	210.48	+2.53	+7.04	3.1
Adia Flex XIV	211.48	210.48	+2.53	+7.04	3.1
Adia Flex XV	211.48	210.48	+2.53	+7.04	3.1
Adia Flex XVI	211.48	210.48	+2.53	+7.04	3.1
Adia Flex XVII	211.48	210.48	+2.53	+7.04	3.1
Adia Flex XVIII	211.48	210.48	+2.53	+7.04	3.1
Adia Flex XIX	211.48	210.48	+2.53	+7.04	3.1
Adia Flex XX	211.48	210.48	+2.53	+7.04	3.1

Fund's name	unit cost	redemption price	yield (%)	1998 (%)	NIS assets (millions)
EMERGENCY					
Emek Pazar	201.04	199.88	+3.27	+9.26	13.6
Emek Pazar II	201.04	199.88	+3.27	+9.26	13.6
Emek Pazar III	201.04	199.88	+3.27	+9.26	13.6
Emek Pazar IV	201.04	199.88	+3.27	+9.26	13.6
Emek Pazar V	201.04	199.88	+3.27	+9.26	13.6
Emek Pazar VI	201.04	199.88	+3.27	+9.26	13.6
Emek Pazar VII	201.04	199.88	+3.27	+9.26	13.6
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Emek Pazar XVIII	201.04	199.88	+3.27	+9.26	13.6
Emek Pazar XIX	201.04	199.88	+3.27	+9.26	13.6
Emek Pazar XX	201.04	199.88	+3.27	+9.26	13.6

Fund's name	unit cost	redemption price	yield (%)	1998 (%)	NIS assets (millions)
COMPANY BONDS					
Adia Bond	1251.89	1249.89	+0.76	+1.28	5.0
Adia Bond II	1251.89	1249.89	+0.76	+1.28	5.0
Adia Bond III	1251.89	1249.89	+0.76	+1.28	5.0
Adia Bond IV	1251.89	1249.89	+0.76	+1.28	5.0
Adia Bond V	1251.89	1249.89	+0.76	+1.28	5.0
Adia Bond VI	1251.89	1249.89	+0.76	+1.28	5.0
Adia Bond VII	1251.89	1249.89	+0.76	+1.28	5.0
Adia Bond VIII	1251.89	1249.89	+0.76	+1.28	5.0
Adia Bond IX	1251.89	1249.89	+0.76	+1.28	5.0
Adia Bond X	1251.89	1249.89	+0.76	+1.28	5.0
Adia Bond XI	1251.89	1249.89	+0.76	+1.28	5.0
Adia Bond XII	1251.89	1249.89	+0.76	+1.28	5.0
Adia Bond XIII	1251.89	1249.89	+0.76	+1.28	5.0
Adia Bond XIV	1251.89	1249.89	+0.76	+1.28	5.0
Adia Bond XV	1251.89	1249.89	+0.76	+1.28	5.0
Adia Bond XVI	1251.89	1249.89	+0.76	+1.28	5.0
Adia Bond XVII	1251.89	1249.89	+0.76	+1.28	5.0
Adia Bond XVIII	1251.89	1249.89	+0.76	+1.28	5.0
Adia Bond XIX	1251.89	1249.89	+0.76	+1.28	5.0
Adia Bond XX	1251.89	1249.89	+0.76	+1.28	5.0

Fund's name	unit cost	redemption price	yield (%)	1998 (%)	NIS assets (millions)
FOREIGN CURRENCY					
Adia Foreign	151.09	149.87	+0.51	+2.48	10.3
Adia Foreign II	151.09	149.87	+0.51	+2.48	10.3
Adia Foreign III	151.09	149.87	+0.51	+2.48	10.3
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Fund's name	unit cost	redemption price	yield (%)	1998 (%)	NIS assets (millions)
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LAST	CHANGE		LAST	CHANGE
21.9688	+0.34375	Interlake	4.5	-0.0625
46.9375	+0.375	Intl Flw & Fr	.49	-0.0625
.85	+0.8875	Intl Multibonds	29.5625	-0.1675
28.975	-0.975	Intl Power	53.3125	-0.775

*In local currencies

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When Wenger's Gunners go marching in

UPPER Street Islington was certainly the place to be on Saturday night and Sunday morning. There was no shortage of people who stayed on the street which is the epitome of chic new-London. The chattering classes, as Conservative politicians like to call the tapas-bar and bistro revellers were joined by hordes of Arsenal fans celebrating the Cup Final win which gave the club the Double.

Sunday morning was carnival time as a quarter of a million fans lined the open top bus procession which snaked its way from the club's Highbury stadium through to a civic reception at Islington Town Hall.

The atmosphere was a far cry from the ugly scenes witnessed a few hours after the final where police with riot gear charged a mob of so-called fans who were causing havoc in the Finsbury Park area, setting alight cars and looting a shop.

Such has been Arsenal's domination of the domestic football scene since January that bookmakers are already quoting them at a very ungenerous 16-1 for the double next season. The bookies are not the only folk with an entrepreneurial spirit trying to cash in on the Arsenal. As delicious fans were leaving Wembley, some bright sparks, posing as licensed street traders had set up stalls peddling "Arsenal, Double Winners 98" shirts and flags.

One, who unsurprisingly preferred to remain anonymous told reporters that he was a Tottenham fan, adding that this was "business."

The final itself will be remembered more for

Arsenal's celebrations after the game rather than the quality of the football during it. But before kick-off there was a moving little cameo which warmed the hearts of those present and the millions watching.

In a break with tradition, both teams were led out by mascots, but these were mascots with a difference. Two 12-year-old boys with a learning disability proudly sporting their teams' colors, BBC Radio commentator Mike Ingham was moved enough to describe this little ceremony in graphic detail. "Kenny Dalglish and Tony Adams are holding onto these boys, helping them all the way to the center of the pitch."

For Adams, the moment was particularly poignant. Here was a man whose addiction to alcohol had landed him in various drying-out clinics, not to mention a three-month stint at Her Majesty's pleasure. But since the arrival of Arsene Wenger, Adams is not only a transformed footballer as his attacking forays upfield have demonstrated, he is also a reformed character. For booze, read Shakespeare, literally, as his new-found interest in English literature testifies.

Adams remarked during the week, that it was Wenger who persuaded him to carry on playing football when he was considering retirement in the middle of the campaign.

And he is not the only one of the Arsenal squad to dedicate the remarkable double achievement to the boss. Ray Parlour, once a spear-carrying Roman which make up the Arsenal bench has been transformed by Wenger into a real Charlton Heston. Man-of-the-Match in the final, the pressure is now on from the tabloid hacks for Glenn Hoddle to take him to France.

Wenger himself is as modest as he is talented, dedicating the double to Max Hild, the 69-year-old former coach of Strasbourg where Wenger cut his teeth in coaching. "He stimulated my interest in the coaching side of football. He made me think about the game," Wenger told the London Evening Standard on Monday.

As for Newcastle, they too were greeted by thousands of fans in an open-top bus on their return to the north-east, but the atmosphere was more muted. It was never going to be their day from the moment Dalglish sent his team out to try and contain Arsenal, rather than play an attacking game. Perhaps the only consolation for the beleaguered footballing city was the triumph of Newcastle Falcons in winning the rugby Premiership title on Sunday.

So now all eyes are on the World Cup and politics are inevitably going to be involved. Last week, the government urged tabloid edi-

tors to tone down the xenophobic language which was all too conspicuous during Euro 96.

The editor of the Sun newspaper, Stuart Higgins gave a sneak preview to BBC viewers of some of the headlines under consideration, should England meet Germany. "You're Schmidt and you know you are" was the worst of x-rated horrors which will be appearing on computer screens throughout the tournament.

Another tabloid, the ubiquitous Mirror had an exclusive of Paul Gascoigne stumbling out of a restaurant in the company of rock star Rod Stewart. Gascoigne's agent Mel Stein admitted his client had been out on what he described as a "bash" but added that it was a shame the attention was on his player as "similar pictures could have been taken of half of the England squad".

FINALLY to cricket, with listeners and viewers who are looking forward to hearing the wit and wisdom of Geoffrey Boycott on the cricket this summer will be disappointed. Both the BBC and Sky TV have put the great man's views on hold pending his appeal against the three-month suspended prison sentence meted out by a court in Grasse, southern France following allegations made by Boycott's former girlfriend Margaret Moore that she suffered severe facial bruising in an attack in a hotel on the French Riviera in 1996.

The sight of Boycott, resplendent in an MCC Panama hat, digging a car key into the wicket half an hour before play, pontificating how high the ball will bounce, has become one of the landmarks of the English season.

London Calling



Mark Rivlin

Cronje savages Kent attack

CANTERBURY (Reuters) - Captain Hansie Cronje led from the front with a blistering 64 from 45 balls as South Africa piled up 290 for seven against Kent in a 50-over game on Tuesday.

Although opener Gary Kirsten was trapped lbw by seamer Alan Iddlesden for 13 with the total 40, Gerhardus Liebenberg continued his fine form with a composed 72 from 94 balls, hitting 10 fours.

Liebenberg put on 115 for the second wicket with Jacques Kallis, who recorded his third half-century in as many innings. Kallis hammered 61 from 70

deliveries, including five fours and a six, and Daryll Cullinan continued his own impressive form with 48 from 54 balls.

But the fireworks were provided by Cronje, who smashed left-arm spinner Min Pael in brutal fashion to reach 50 from just 33 balls; his final 64 included five fours and a six.

Kent were without six first-team regulars, including England pace bowler Dean Headley and West Indies all-rounder Carl Hooper, though Iddlesden took two wickets with the last three balls of the innings to finish with four for 40 from his 10 overs.

ARU angered by Dallaglio snub

SYDNEY (Reuters) - Australian Rugby Union (ARU) officials are incensed by news that English captain Lawrence Dallaglio has signed up to play an invitational match just days after pulling out of England's tour of the southern hemisphere.

ARU managing director John O'Neill said he was perplexed as to how Dallaglio could agree to play for a World XV against English club champions Newcastle after withdrawing from the tour of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa because of injury or personal reasons.

"It still seems incomprehensible

to us that you can have the England captain unavailable to tour on medical grounds yet he's still playing club rugby and now he's playing in an invitational fifteen," O'Neill said.

"If his shoulder is that bad, why are they allowing him to play rugby? It's because someone's paying him a lot of money to play club rugby and at the end of the day, players will respond to that."

Dallaglio was among 14 English players who withdrew from next month's tour of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa because of injury or personal reasons.

O'Neill said the squad, which included 17 uncapped players, made a mockery of Test rugby and he accused England's leading clubs of putting pressure on players to miss the tour, in breach of international rugby regulations.

English officials have denied the accusations even though a number of players, including Dallaglio, have continued playing club rugby.

Dallaglio will play for a World XV against Newcastle at Twickenham on May 23, two weeks before Australia play England in Brisbane.

SPORTS

in brief

AC Milan's Capello sacked after 'last supper'

ROME (Reuters) - AC Milan owner Silvio Berlusconi summoned coach Fabio Capello to a "Last Supper" at his villa near Milan and sacked him after a disappointing season, club sources said yesterday. Capello was seen leaving the villa just before midnight on Monday apparently furious, but Berlusconi said the meeting had gone well.

"Capello didn't seem to me to be angry. One thing is certain, things that are done well end well," he said.

Club vice president Adriano Galliani described the evening as a "conversation" and said the two sides would meet again in a few days. Italian media said this meant that coach and club had failed to agree his pay-off.

La Gazzetta dello Sport newspaper said Capello had confirmed he planned to take a season off.

Milan, which dominated soccer in Italy and Europe for much of the last decade, is currently in deep crisis and finished the season 10th.

Court overturns UEFA ban of Anderlecht

LAUSANNE (AP) - The Court for Arbitration of Sport (CAS) yesterday overturned a decision by European soccer's governing body UEFA to ban Belgian club Anderlecht for a 14-year-old bribery case.

The CAS, a tribunal set up by the International Olympic Committee, ruled that UEFA's Executive Committee, which had imposed the suspension, was not qualified to make such a decision. Cases of corruption should be handled by UEFA's judicial committee and not by the Executive Committee, on the basis of the association's disciplinary rules, the CAS said in a press release.

UEFA had banned Anderlecht from the next European competition if qualified for, for allegedly bribing the referee of a 1984 UEFA Cup semifinal against Nottingham Forest, which had assured the Belgian team a place in the UEFA Cup final.

Life ban for junior Romanian rugby players

BUCHAREST (Reuters) - The Romanian Rugby Federation yesterday imposed bans of one year on players and coaches of a junior club expelled from France for stealing sports gear from a supermarket.

"The FRR hereby bans all Grivita Bucharest teams from taking part in the current and following national championships and bans them from all international activities for the next five years," a federation statement said.

It said five of 13 players arrested by police in Toulouse were banned for life from all sporting activity. The remaining eight were suspended pending an investigation into their role in the incident. Bagnac town hall officials paid 19,000 francs (about \$3,200) in damages to the local sports store in order to bail out the players.

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HELEN KAYE

Gvulot (Borders), written and directed by Shmueli Levy for the Haifa Theater, is about four young soldiers held up in a Lebanese town after their platoon has been ambushed. They have no radio, and it's going to be a long, long night. This is a play about fear, death and the boys who are forced to confront both. Opens tonight at Wadi Salib at 8:30 p.m. (Hebrew).

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

**** WELCOME TO SARAJEVO - As chronicles of foreign encounters with war-torn countries go, English director Michael Winterbottom's film seems at first to be oddly scattered, even chaotic in its intentions and tone. But as he weaves actual documentary footage with staged scenes, and cuts from one cluster of characters to another, the disorientation we are experiencing comes to seem a good deal more calculated. Winterbottom and screenwriter Frank Cottrell Boyce, working from a memoir by journalist Michael Nicholson, want us to struggle a bit: they want us to wade our own way through this con-



A scene from 'Welcome to Sarajevo.'

flict's mess and horror and though the film does wind around to an unequivocal message about the world's failure to intervene more forcefully in Bosnia—they seem hellbent on having us experience this message at a visceral level. They succeed. *Sarajevo* is a harshly lyrical, disturbing, flawed yet original film, at once too skeptical to be agitprop, too politically passionate (and persuasive) for melodrama. With Woody Harrison, Stephen Dillane, Marisa Tomei and the devastated city of Sarajevo itself. (Not recommended for children)

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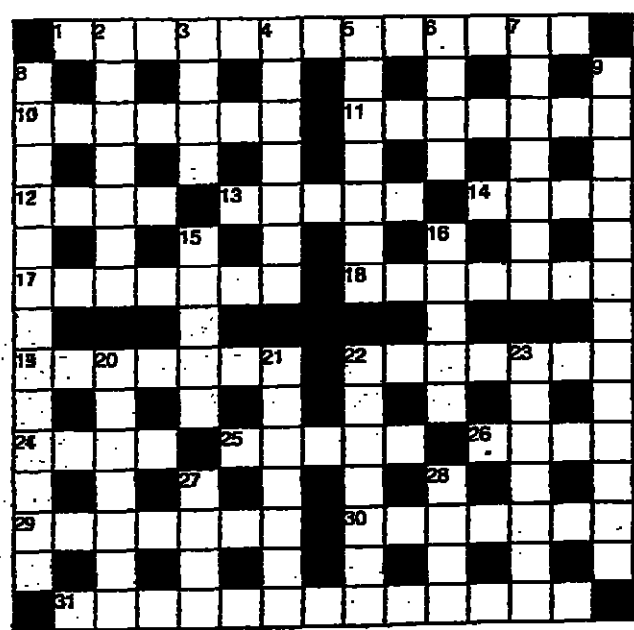
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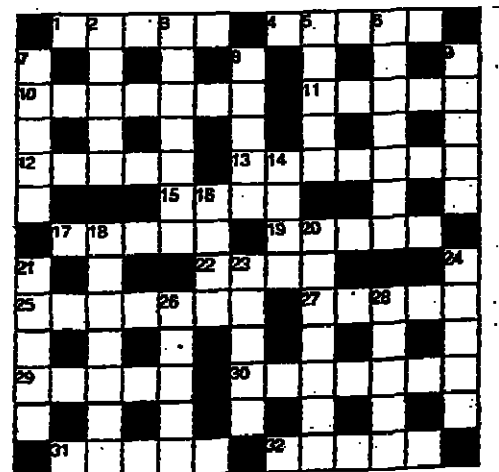
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 - 31 Banquet (5)
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 - 8 Taut (5)
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 - 14 Inactive (4)
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 - 18 Revive (7)
 - 20 Examine (7)
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 - 23 Order (5)
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- 6:30 News Flash
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 - 12:30 Music
 - 13:00 Art
 - 13:30 Animation
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 - 15:35 X Men
 - 16:00 Bykter Grove
 - 16:30 Joy Meets World
 - 16:59 New Evening
 - 17:34 Culture
 - 18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS

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- 19:30 News**
- 19:31 Local Pop**
- 19:30 Arabic News**
- 20:00 News**
- 20:45 Conference Call**
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- 22:15 News**
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- 5:45 Today's programs**
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- 21:15 Hartzufim**
- 21:45 Gov Night**
- 22:50 The X-Files**
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- 2:10 On the Edge of the Shell**

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- 16:30 Arsen Lupin**
- 16:40 The End**
- 16:50 Neighbors**

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- 7:30 Love Story with Yossi Syjas (rpt)**
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- 9:15 Litescience**
- 9:45 Wild Horizons: Elusive Sloth Bear**
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